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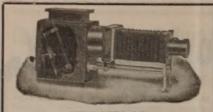
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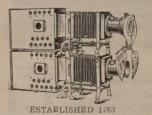
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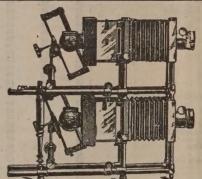
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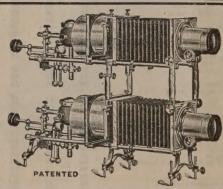
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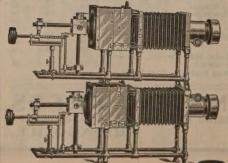
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America's Drink Bill

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About ten years ago, we saw in large placards around the country, "America pays annually for liquors, \$1,200,000 and for bread, \$505,185,712, etc. The figures for bread and other useful articles were taken from the census of 1880 and had done duty for more than twenty years. In the same census report of products at manufacturers prices, the value of liquors, distilled, fermented and vinous was put at \$144,290,641. I mention this to show the need of care in using statistics found in the papers, and especially temperance, statis-

A late writer in the Home Herald, after careful inquiry among saloonkeepers, bartenders and drinkers, finds that one gallon of fermented liquors makes 16 drinks sold at 5 cents, and one gallon of spirits makes 130 drinks, sold at 10 cents. Similar estimates are

The report of the commissioner of internal revenue, 1907, gives the latest figures on the amounts consumed. We figure:

Fermented Liquors:-16 drinks per gallon at 5 cents, 80 cents, 31½ gallons per barrel at 80 cents, \$25,20; 58,546,111 barrels at \$25.20, \$1,475,461,997.20.

Spirits:—Drinks per gallon 130 at 10 cents, \$13.00; 134,142,074 gallons at \$13.00, \$1,743,-

846,926. Total, \$3,129,208,959.20.

This is more than twice the usual estimate. At once the reader objects that much is bought by the quantity at much less expense. but much is also sold by the moonshiners, of which the government has no account. Mr. R. E. O'Byrne, the writer in the Home Herald, tells of \$100,000 worth of liquors put on the Cincinnati market from one distillery, at one time, when the government storekeeper was conveniently away. Nor does the above account include the 1,993,688 gallons distilled fruit, nor the liquors imported and consumed. These figures seem then hardly an over-estimate.

Often it is said that this is the direct cost, and the indirect cost is as large. But the money for these liquors remains in the country. It is not burned nor buried in the sea. It is here and in circulation. What is lost to the wealth of the country is the labor and capital used in the manufacture and sale of the drinks, the time and strength lost by the drinker, the less labor by the shortening of many lives, the less value in the labor of children of drinking parents, because of lack of education and of physical strength, the costs for crimes caused by the drink, and many other losses. To figure these is impossible. From what figuring we are able to make, we feel safe in assuming that the indirect expense is more than the direct, certainly as

Any comparison of the drink bill with the bread bill is very difficult. The census of 1900, under manufactures, presents "Food and kindred products, \$1,410,298,055" Kindred products, \$1,410,298,055" and of "Liquors and beverages, \$305,129,467." This is at manufacturers' prices. Liquors multiply many times more between the maker and the consumer than useful products. One of the largest bakeries in Milwaukee informs me that two barrels of flour, costing \$9.00, with other ingredients costing \$3.00 will make 600 loaves of bread which sell at 5 cents or \$30.00. If we deduct the \$3.00, the \$9.00 in flour makes \$27.00 in bread. It multiplies three times. Probably the real cost when made in the homes is about the same. Much of the flour is consumed in more costly ways...

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"I'll tell you-five. Let me prove it to you. One very stormy night I was returning home late, and I noticed a light in the window of a room where a poor woman lived whose husband was at sea. I wondered what kept her up so late, and I went to see. I found her hard at work sewing by her lamp, while her five rosy children were sound asleep near her. There was a needle supporting five







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Coming From The Country

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Text: "Simon of Gyrene, coming from the country." Mark 15:21.

There is something very suggestive in the simple expression, "Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country." Although Simon was likely a man of the city, during his attendance upon the feast in Jerusalem he had his lodging in the country, and it was as he was coming from the country that the soldiers, taking hold of him, impressed him to carry the cross which Jesus, exhausted, was failing to carry. Often as I watch on Sabbath mornings a long procession to attend divine worship, I think of these very words, "Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country."

The church and country life is becoming more and more of a serious problem. Those acquainted with the facts have noticed with alarm the passing away of the country church. The special commission appointed by Roosevelt to study the present condition of life on the American farms devote one full section to the country church in their report. They say: "The forces and institutions that make for morality and ideals must be energized. We miss the heart of the problem if we neglect to foster personal character and neighborhood righteousness. The best way to preserve ideals for private conduct and public life is to build up the institutions of religion. The church has great power for leadership. Rural people need to have an inspiration for the highest possible development of the community. There must be ambition on the part of the people them-selves constantly to progress in all of those things that make the community life wholesome, satisfying, educative and complete. The must be a desire to develop a permanent en-vironment for the country boy and girl of which they will become passionately fond. As a pure matter of education the countryman must learn to love the country and to have an intellectual appreciation of it. More than this, the spiritual nature of the individual must be kept thoroughly alive. His personal ideals of conduct and ambition must be cultivated.

"The country church doubtless faces special difficulties. As a rule it is a small field. The country people are conservative. Ordinarily the financial support is inadequate. Often there are too many churches in a given community. Sectarian ideas divide unduly and unfortunately." The report makes a plea for a more permanent and a better educated and better qualified ministry, then it closes in these words: "The open country abounds in men and women of the finest ideals; yet it is necessary to say that other ends in life than the making of money and the getting of more goods are needed in country districts, and that this more than anything else will correct the unsatisfying nature of rural life."

In what manner can the church help solve

the problem of country life?

I. It can teach its constituency in the country to appreciate country life. In the story of the creation we read, "and there was not a man to till the ground." Tilling the ground

was the first occupation entrusted to man. And whatever be the development of science and the wonders of the laboratory, as long as man walks the earth tilling the ground cannot be dispensed with. Farming is at the foundation of all other occupations. It is the country that makes the city. "The cities only handle and transform what the country produces. More men are engaged in farming than in any other single occupation. The fixed capital engaged in agriculture at present is several times greater than that engaged in manufacturing enterprise."

Professor Bailey, the chairman of the commission, in his book, entitled "The Outlook to Nature," takes up the question of the boy on the farm, and how to keep him there. He argues eloquently in favor of the farmer's boy. He was a farmer's boy himself. "I am convinced," he writes, "that many boys and girls, are turned away from the farm because they hear the farming occupation under-valued at the fireside. It is common to hear father and mother compare farming disadvantageously with other occupations. Other men usually put forward the advantages of their businesses. Farmers are prone to put forward the disadvantages. They tell how little they have made." He tells us that no class equals the farmer in the building of a home. There are homes maintained for sailors and soldiers and actors. Where is the home designed for farmers? Each farmer builds his own. It is the first thing he does. The farm idea is the home idea. The farmer is practically the only person who makes his home, lives in it, and passes it down to his children. The struggle may be hard, and the odds against him, but day in and day out, sun or rain, he stands at the plow and works out his own salvation.

Among many things in favor of the farmer's boy, he mentions the following: 1. The farm boy's activities are direct. He deals with real, actual, useful things. City boys are likely to deal with pictures and models. 2. The work is hard only to those who shudder at the thought of work. It is not drudgery to follow the plow if one is conscious of the myriad forces that are set to work. 3. The life of the farm is varied. The farmer handles an entire business, not some small part of a business. He is, therefore, able to lead something of a normal and naturally rounded life. It is monotonous only as it confines his activities to one locality. 4. The farmer boy's life is simple. Usually he has only the essentials. Superfluities are dissipating, simplicity is economy, and makes for straightforwardness, and therefore power. 5. The farm effort is steady. It is characterized by perseverance and stableness. 6. The farm boy is compelled to be frugal with his money. He will accomplish as much with a dollar as the city boy with two dollars. 7. The farm boy develops slowly and naturally. He has time to grow with something to learn, 8. He has an honest appetite, and an intrepid digestion. 9. If the boy lives on a good farm that is paid for, he is trained in independence. There is no extraneous boss. Many of the strong individual peculiarities of the farmer are due directly to this independent life. He does not need to patronize. He associates with his fellows on terms of equality. 10. The farm boy has a family life. He is essentially a home boy, not

There is no reason why the church should not in the interest of noble manhood often through various ways advocate the advantage

of country life.

II. But the church can also be honest to warn men in the country of the perils of country life. Country life is by no means a sin-less life, or a life void of temptations. There is no paradise any more on earth where perfection reigns supreme. Indeed, we are all subjected to the same temptations. But against certain sins of the flesh the farmer's boy is happily much better protected. The lower vices prey on weak, abnormally developed nerves. The town lad raised indoors, lacking reserve force, falls an easy victim to the lower temptations. The temptations peculiar to the man in the country are the temptations peculiar to any man who leads the solitary life. You isolate a man from his fellows and it has a deadening effect. So it is that the farmer or the man from the country is in danger of becoming self-centered, narrow in his sympathies, without breadth of vision. If he has suffered any personal grievances he is inclined to brood over them, and the longer he broods the farther he is from any thought of forgiveness or reconciliation. It is not best that any man should live alone. We are made as complements to each other. The country needs the city. "The country does not need the city man to teach the countryman farming, but to touch and elevate the general currents of all country life. The city man goes to the country with new and large ideas. He is in active touch with great affairs. The country needs to come in touch with men of superior executive ability, generosity and high culture. city man, on the other hand, needs the influence upon him of the quiet conservation of the country. The blend should, perhaps, produce the real American." The church can mediate thus between the city and the country. As a nation we cannot be divided into castes, the city caste by itself and the country caste by itself, and each viewing the other with a narrow prejudice. No agency can broaden out the sympathies of a farmer better than the cultured ministry of a highly educated pastor, who appeals to him not only in the interest of his own immediate community, but in the interest of the country at large and the world.

III. There can be no more encouraging sight for the Church of Christ than to see the man from the country taking up the cross. There may have been a time when the one thought of the farmer was the acquisition of land and how to make the farm productive. But the day has come when there is in the country everywhere a growing interest in the culture of the home. "The farmer today is alive to th need of good schools, good churches, good roads, good local government, good politics." Here in Indiana the farmer almost to a man votes out of the country the curse of the liquor traffic. He recognizes the saloon as the foe of the home, and he has no mercy on it. Counties where there is a large proportion of the farming population invariably at every county option election vote dry. The farmer living in God's out-of-door acquires no craving for intoxicating liquor.

There will never come a time when young men from the country in large numbers will cease to drift into the cities. And these are the young men, if morally and spiritually developed, that can shoulder the weightiest prob-lems of the day. It was a young man fresh from the country, back in the sixties, that this great Republic took and laid upon him the heaviest cross that ever was placed upon any of her sons, City-bred men for a while looked at him askance. He appeared to them such a raw material. The man from the country, however, proved equal to the task. The United States of America will never cease to pay homage to the man long ago "coming from the country," the great Abraham Lincoln.

IV. The church is in peril of asking too little of the man from the country. He needs the Gospel, and he needs a deeper insight and conviction of the urgent need of his help to extend the Kingdom of God at home and abroad. The man from the country needs a vision of the Christ under the burden of the iniquity of the world. Christ is not going along the street of any city today with a material crown pressing him down. But if it be right to speak of , a burdened heart, a burdened mother's or father's heart, I believe we can speak with equal sincerity of the burdened heart of Christ. He has not yet seen the travail of his soul to the extent of being satisfied. The iniquity, the immortality, the oppression of the world must remain a burden upon his heart. The cruel agonies of the heathen world must make his heart, as it were, beat with grief and com-passion. What joy then must it be to Christ to see many a young man coming from the country volunteering to enter the rank of Christian workers and burden bearers: or to see many a young woman, the daughter of a well-to-do farmer, crossing the seas to carry relief and administer joy to the down-trodden members of her sex in the dark places of the world. The church can scarcely conceive of her debt to the man "coming from the country." Country churches may not be very great, arithmetically considered; their greatness has often proved to be in the quality of the men that they have turned out to the Gospel ministry. Simon of Cyrene; nothing further is recorded of him, save that he had two sons, Alexander and Rufus, who were evidently believers, if not evangelists, in the Church of Rome. Simon must have believed himself, and he must have been instrumental in leading to Christ two of his sons. Is that not the story of many a country home? The father, a plain man, becomes in years later, known as the father of a certain son or sons who have arisen to prominence as workers in the vine-yard of the Master. But even had he had no sons, Simon's name would have been immortal. He carried the cross of Jesus.

Give the Prayer Meeting a New Start

An invaluable church method upon which we believe renewed emphasis should be placed is the prayer meeting. The prayer meeting, it must be borne in mind, is not a piece of modern machinery, nor even is it a human invention. It is as old as the Christian church. Nay, the church was born in a convocation for prayer, in the "upper room" at Jerusalem. It will never out-grow the prayer meeting, or the need of it. If any church deserts God and forsakes prayer, he will forsake them. The decadence of prayer marks inevitably the decadence of spiritual energy and influence. No pulpit can save a prayerless church. At this season of the year, when ministers and Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies and Missionary Societies and other organizations are resuming their work, and congregations are returning to their homes, a fitting watchword is, Rally to the mercy-seat, and stand by your prayer meetings!

But if a prayer meeting is to attract it must be made attractive. Prayer meetings to attract it must be made attractive. Prayer meetings never should be iron-hooped with rigid formality. They are family gatherings; let every one of the household, old or young, male or female, be allowed to bear his part. Then, too, the grace of variety should be cultivated. Never let the order of service become stereotyped. If the prayer meeting is opened in a fresh and striking way, it is not likely to run in a rut. Sometimes open with a quartet; at another time with silent prayer, at another time with an appropriate solo, at another time with a series of sentence prayers. Sometimes open with some abrupt and striking word about the subject; at another time reserve your remarks until many others have spoken. Sometimes begin with a Scripture reading, or a responsive reading. Use the elements of freshness and surprise. Dr. Howard Duffield, of New York, often gives five minute preludes on parish problems. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson sometimes secures some one in the congregation to give a fifteen-minute talk on some theme aside from

the regular subject. And there must be a great variety in subjects as well as in exercises. A praise service with short talks on old hymns can be made both edifying and interesting. A review of a new religious book will give the people the results of the best thought of the day. Fifteen or twenty minutes or a whole evening may be devoted to this. Bible readings may be made very profitable, on familiar subjects, such as Faith, Prayer, Love, Hope; or on less familiar themes such as Mistakes and Victories of Men of the Bible, illustrated by Moses, Elijah, Peter, John or Mark, or on Converts of the Book of Acts; Business Men of the Bible (Joseph, Nehemiah, Ananias, the Rich Fool), Prayers of the Bible; Parables of the Old Testament. A question box conducted by the pastor will afford him opportunity to unravel many perplexities. The Young People's Society may be asked to take an occasional meeting, furnishing the leaders and speakers. This will be good discipline for them and will show the church what they can do. The Life of Paul, How we Got our Bible, or Great De-

nominational Leaders would prove good themes. Such as these are also good practical Is the Sermon on the Mount Practicable? Is the World Growing Better? Lessons from Great Christians: What Part of the Bible has Helped me Most? Bible Examples of Unselfishness; Books which have Helped me in the Development of My Religious Life; People who have Influenced me; What do You Mean by Keeping the Sabbath Holy? Different Ways of Resisting Temptation; What is the Meaning of Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself? Beacon Lights of Missionary History. These, and such as these, are interest awakening themes. Many others of the more spiritual

type will occur to any pastor.

The church should bring its best life into the prayer meeting and make it the register of all the best thoughts and feelings, and struggles and triumphs, of each week. There are some themes that should always have precedence at an evening service of prayer, the following among them: Any Reason for Personal Thanksgiving. Any Hindrances to the Better Life. The Religious Bearing of any Recent Event. Any Interesting Work of Grace. Any Special Answers to Prayer. Any Illustration of the Wisdom of God's Word. Anything observed or experienced, which honors Christ, fulfills a divine promise, or indicates the leading of Providence.

Some one dogmatically affirms that it is not correct to affirm that Christianity is a failure because it has never been tried. The expression is a taking one, even if the thought is misleading. It would be equally untrue to say that the modern, clastic, commonsense, spirit-ual prayer meeting is a failure—because it has seldom been tried. But wherever it has been tried it has brought the richest blessings to those who have participated in it and to the church and community in which it has been

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Quotable Poetry

LIFE AND DOUBT.

The following lines from James Campbell Shairp are timely, in this day when so many are losing their bearings religiously. The hest way out of doubt is to do the best we know. If faith ministers to life; so life also ministers to faith. When the intellect is clouded, there still remains the opportunity of doing the plain duty that lies near; and this is often the way to the sunlight of faith.

I have a life with Christ to live, But ere I live it, must I wait Till learning can clear answer give Of this and that book's date? I have a life in Christ to live, I have a death in Christ to die; And must I wait till science give All doubts a full reply?

Nay rather, while the sea of doubt Is raging wildly round about Questioning of life and death and sin. Let me but creep within Thy fold, O Christ, and at thy feet Take but the lowest seat, And hear thine awful voice repeat In gentlest accents, heavenly sweet, "Come unto me and rest; Believe me and be blest."

-Frank E. Boren, Vacaville, Cal.

LIFTERS AND LEANERS.

The following lines from some unknown poet, accurately describe the situation in many a church and community. "The two kinds of people on earth, I ween, Are the people who lift and the people who

Wherever you go you will find the world's masses

Are always divided in just these two classes. And oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween, There is only one lifter to twenty who lean. In which class are you? Are you easing the

Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road? Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear Your portion of labor and worry and care?"

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NOT I.

Oh, I love mankind, as is their due, With all my might and main. It is true that I sometimes seem to do A rather unloving thing or two. But it always gives me pain.

'Tis true, I once looted a poor man's farm And burnt his house to boot; But the fact is, I only did him harm (And my heart the while was intensely warm) As a 'cavalry recruit.

Still the question will arise unbid, "Is there aught, since my life began, That I ever do or ever did (If there is, it has been most deftly hid)
As a plain and simple man?"

Brothers of mine, if we might all Have our lives to live over again: If every deed we might recall, And never do anything, great or small,

That we would not do as men-Then at last our conscience would begin To show us its native powers,

And how much of pain and sorrow and sin, And crime, confusion and strife and din, Would be spared this world of ours!

-By Ernest Howard Crosby.

"I know of a land that is sunk in shame, Of hearts that faint and tire; And I know of a name, a name, a name, Can set this land on fire.

Its sound is a brand, its letters flame; I know of a name, a name, a name, Will set this land on fire."

LOVE AND LOYALTY.

Thou hast not asked me, Lord, To first of all love Thee, But simply to believe the Word That tells Thy love to me.

Thou dost not bid me feel An ardent love for Thee, And fear affection is not real That does not burn in me.

But Thou hast said, "My friend Is he who keeps My word,' This I can do even to the end; I can be faithful, Lord.

Then will the loyal heart Find its reward above: For when I see Thee as Thou art I cannot help but love.

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This criticism of the church may indicate a spiritual longing or unrest that presages a turning to the Lord, when a man shall teach no more his neighbor, saying: "Know the Lord, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their ain no-

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FAITH AND BELIEF. If you should meet a foot-pad, in going along the street on a dark night, and both should see a policeman coming just as the robber was in the act of relieving you of your pocketbook, the belief would be the same in both cases, but the effects differed. You would both be convinced that it was an officer; but you would be filled with joy, while the robber with terror. So, we are told that the "devils believe and tremble." Faith is something larger and more vital than mere belief. It has to do with one's attitude toward the thing believed, or toward the person concerning whom one believes something. Belief is only faith in embryo. Faith is the consent of the heart and will to that to which the intellect gives assent. The value of our beliefs, is their value for life.

SAVING HIMSELF FIRST, (2)

Two Irishmen were sailing in a boat, when the boat capsized. Mike could not swim; but Pat swam safely to short. A passer-by saw him land, and then jump back into the water, and make toward the boat. In reply to the question as to what he was going back for, Pat replied: "I have saved myself, and now I must go back and save Mike. He can't swim."

Many Christians are trying to save themselves first. In a sense this is necessary. As far as one's purposes are concerned, one cannot help others until he himself is right. But in a larger sense, we are saved by saving others. Andrew was a larger self, by going after his brother Peter. We realize the highest possibilities of our own lives in social service.

THE BLESSEDNESS OF FORGIVENESS

1 Cor. 14:20.

Two little boys were playing together one day. One of the boys had built a wonderful house. It was built of old bricks, loosely laid one upon another, and covered with some old boards for a roof. It was not a very imposing structure; but the architect of St. Paul's was not prouder of his work, than was the youthful designer of that building. The other little boy, in a playful mood, gave one push, and down came the building, as completely demolished as if an earthquake had struck it. There was the quick rise of anger, some hasty words, and mutual declarations that neither would ever speak or play together again. This went on for several weeks. Each played in his own yard—for they lived in adjoining yards—trying to appear happy to each other, but with a heavy load at heart. For who can bear malice toward another, and be happy? Pride prevented either from giving in. At last the offended young architect could stand it no longer, and interpreting his neighbor's heart by his own, he edged his way over the dividing fence, one afternoon, watched his opportunity, and said: "Well, M. how are you getting along?" It was not very diplomatic; but the heart spoke, and the heart of the other interpreted and responded. It was not long until the boys were playing again, with old wrongs forgotten, and a new joy realized. Malice is like a canker in the boson. The sweetest thing in the world is to forgive, and be forgiven. "Howbeit in malice be ye children." I Cor. 14:20.

TWO RELIGIONS. (4)

The following verses clipped from the Ram's Horn are worth pondering by all parents. They are entitled, "Two religions:"

I.

"A woman sat by a hearthside place Reading a book with a pleasant face, Till a child came up with a childish frown And pushed the book, saying, 'Put it down.' Then the mother, slapping his curly head, Said 'Troublesome child, go off to bed; A great deal of God's book I must know To train you up as a child should go.' And the child went off to bed to cry And denounce religion—by and by.

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"Another woman bent o'er a book
With a smile of joy and an intent look,
Till a child came up and joggled her knee,
And said of the book, 'Put it down—take me.'
Then the mother sighed as she stroked his

Saying softly, 'I never shall get it read; But I'll try by loving to learn His will, And his love into my child instil.' That child went to bed without a sigh And will love religion—by and by."

TRACES OF GOD'S MIND, (5)

The Scotch philosopher, Beattie, took an interesting method of teaching his little boy his first lesson about God, at the age when the child's mind was ripe for the lesson. In a corner of the garden, he traced with his fingers, the initial letters of the child's name, planted some cresses in the furrows, and left them to grow, and for the boy to discover. Shortly afterwards the boy came running to his father to relate his discovery. His father affected unconcern, and made as if it were no matter of When he followed the boy to the place he said that it was just an accident. The boy was thoughtful and at last said: "That cannot be an accident. Some one must hve sown those seeds. They would not make my name of themselves." The father then talked to him about the wonders of his body, with its wonderful adaptation of parts, and means to an end, and asked him if he thought that all this could have happened by chance. The boy was positive it could not, and was thus led in-



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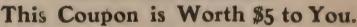
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THE CHAINS OF HABIT. (6)

In Dickens' Christmas Carol, Ebenezer Scrooge was visited on Christmas Eve by the ghost of his former partner, and counterpart in character, Jacob Marley. He had a long, heavy chain wound around him, made of "cash boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds, and heavy purses wrought in steel." "I wear the chain I forged in life," said he. "I made it link by link, and yard by yard; I girded it on of my own free will, and of my own free will I wore it." It is not too strong a figure to use to illustrate the tyranny of habit. "Sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny."

FORCE OF HABIT. (7)
A little school boy had a vicious habit of saving: "I have went" for "I have gone." His teacher tried every device for breaking him of the habit, and corrected him ceaselessly, but without avail. At last she hit upon a plan. Keeping him in one evening she required him to write "I have gone" one hundred times upon a sheet of paper, telling him that he could go when he had finished his task. While she was out of the room, he finished his work and left. Imagine her dismay when she found on her return, the required work, and below the following words: "Dear teacher. I have went home." it is only the "expulsive power of a new affection" that can rid the soul of the tyranny of habit.

PRAYER VS. FAULT-FINDING. (8)

When John Cotton was criticized by a faultfinding brother, he admitted the possible truth of the shortcomings of his work, but said: "Let me have your prayers that it may be otherwise." The man who sits in the pew to criticize the sermon, will miss a blessing; but he who prays for the preacher will never fail of getting some good from the sermon.

EARMARKS OF RELIGION. (9)

James did not intend to give an exhaustive definition of religion, but sets forth, negatively and positively, some characteristic marks by which the genuine may be known.

I. Negatively. "If any man thinketh him-

1. Negatively. "It any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain." An uncontrolled tongue, earrying gossip, undermining character, leaving stings in human hearts, is a most certain sign that the real and genuine religion does not abide in the heart.

II. Positively. "Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." A spotless life, accompanied by deeds of kindness, is almost an infallible sign that true faith and devotion lives in the heart.

OTHER WORLDLINESS. (10)

A woman who had a reputation as an untidy housekeeper, was heard singing one evening: "Oh, think of the home over there." There is too much of that other-worldliness which neglects the "home over here," as it sings of the "home over there." Life here is the preparation for the life there. We need to interpret Christianity, not in terms of "going somewhere," but in terms of life and character. The preacher is something more than a "Sky Pilot."

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God gave Abraham a casket of seven promises, but the jewel in the casket was, "Thou shalt be a blessing."—Bishop W. F. Anderson

A FLOWER FROM PALESTINE.

"The same airs are blowing that breathed on his brow,

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WHO CALLS? Psalm 27:,8.

In a beautiful valley of the Northwest flows the "Who Calls" river, and with that name is associated a beautiful legend. An Indian brave was paddling down this river in a canoe on his way to claim a dusky maiden for a bride. Passing a small wood he heard a voice repeat his name: "Who calls?" he cried, but no answer came. Again he heard his name repeated. Again he cried: "Who calls?" But still no answer. In the early morning he came to his destination to find that after repeating twice the name of her lover the maiden had died. He re-entered his canoe, and was seen no more. But still the river bears its name Qu' Appelle; "Who

Are we not also journeying down the river of time with our frail bark canoe? As we journey on we hear our name repeated. Do we ask: "Who calls?" Somewhere the river of time will join the sea of eternity, but era you reach it your future is decided. You have joined yourself to the spirit of your fate, whether of sin unto death, or of righteousness unto everlasting life."

THE THING HOPED FOR. (12) Prov. 13:12. 1 Peter 1:13.

Anglo-Saxon words went right to the point like an arrow to the target. Somewhere these Anglo-Saxons got acquainted with the Greeks. From them they got the word "hope." The Greeks used the word "openo," which meant lying in wait for a thing. The Anglo-Saxons liked the word and trimmed it down to the word "hopa." Hence, the Anglo-Saxon idea of this word "hope" is to wait expectantly for a thing; to watch for it in ambush, ready to spring upon it when it comes

When we "hope" what do we mean? Just this, that we are preparing for what we know will surely come, and that we will pounce upon it, and seize it so that it shall not escape us. We will fight a vigorous battle against wrong wherever found. With faith to be-lieve, our hope becomes a reality, and we

know we will win,

VANITY OF VANITIES. Eccles, 1:2

Gelimer was king of the Vandals, and for years was a powerful sovereign. All that wealth, pomp and ambition could do failed to satisfy, and when led a captive, afterward, through the streets of Constantinople, at the chariot wheels of his conqueror, Belisarius, he too cried: "Vanity of vanities." The magnanimous Saladin, the opponent of the chivalrous Richard, England's lion-hearted king, lay dying surrounded by prince, peer and warrior. He bade them take his shroud and fasten it to his victorious banner-staff, and bid the heralds cry through the city streets: "This is all that is left, of all his greatness, to the mighty

WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT? Mark 8:36.

Years ago a sickly pale-faced boy stood upon the deck of a British warship. He toiled hard for honor and fame, and gained both. He became admiral, a viscount, a duke, a knight of various orders. Lord Nelson became the hero of a hundred fights. He was covered with the glory of the world. He tells what the world did to make him happy; "I am now the great man; not a creature near me. From my heart I wish myself the little man again. There is no true happilittle man again. There is no true happi-ness in this life. Believe me, my only wish is to sink with honor to the grave. I envy none but those of the estate of six feet by

THE PLEASURES OF THE WORLD, (14) Col. 3:2

It is said that a lady traveling in Italy accidentally discovered a rare Etrurian monument in which there was a small space, Looking through this aperture she saw a sitting figure with the features and fashions of a thousand years before. She gazed spellbound for a few seconds at this strange figure, preserved only in the stillness of antiquity, when suddenly the figure crumbled into dust at her very breathing. How like the world, beautiful in perspective, but dust in possession.

'Fame, honor, beauty, state, train, blood and

Are but the fading blossoms of the earth."

"THOU SHALT NOT." (15) James 1:14.

God gave Ten Commandments as ten laws to govern life, to preserve harmony, and perfect equilibrium in that wondrous mechanism of soul and body. These are ten touches of the infinite Father's hand of love, to keep his children from harm. He gives the Ten Commandments as the watchmaker gives you the laws to regulate the work of his hands, "Thou shalt not"-because He made the body and the soul of man, and He knows what every intelligent man knows; what the doctors and scientists have been crying out for centuries; that scarcely an organic disease known to the human race has found its birth in aught else than the lust of the flesh; because centuries before we were born God knew what our docters in council assembled in Philadelphia said: "The curse of the human race is unbridled lust that is wrecking the bodies and ruining the minds of men, and filling the world with woe." Therefore, hath a merciful and loving God said: "Thou shalt not."

> WORLDLINESS. 2 Timothy 4:10.

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> CONFESSION. `(17) Matt. 7:1. Romans 14:4.

A priest relates an interesting story. Bridget only came to confession occasionally, and when she did come she found it extremely difficult to remember any wrong doing on her own part. She had an excellent memory for her husband's sins: "It is Moike, me husband, that's the bad one, father. It's three weeks that Moike niver confesses, and Hiven knows his sins is scarlet. He dhrinks like a baste, an' shmokes like a flue. He swears that bhad Saint Patrick would trimble; an' sure ye shud see Moike smash the dishes and break the furniture, an' fling the stove lids." "Six Hail Marys every day for a week and three fast days, Bridget," said the father. "Och, fwat do you mane, father? Sure, oi niver confessed a sin!" "But ye confessed Moike's, and as long as you make his confession for him, I think you had better do his penance, too.' And so I charge you by the thorny crown,

And by your own soul's hope of fair renown, Let something good be said." PROOF OF LOVE. (18)

And by the cross on which the Saviour bled,

John 21:15.
It is said that a famous artist had many sons. He was growing old, and one day as his sons were gathered round him, he said: "Boys, do you love me?" The boys answered: "Father, you know that we love you." The father said: "If you love me, give me proof of your love." Then he went into his studio and brought out some modelling clay. He flattened it out, and cut it into even cubes, and to each he gave a cube of clay, saying: "Mould this into an image of your love." The boys went off rejoicing, each to his room, to undertake his task of love.

One son went to his room with the great yearning in his soul to mould the image of his father's face. Hour after hour he worked, till bye and bye the image of the father's face shone from out the clay. He put the light of love in the eyes, and smile of peace on the lips, and soon the statue lacked but the breath of life to become the living counterpart of the father he loved.

The others went to their rooms, and looking at the piece of clay, said: "We can do this in our spare hours. Father is becoming so queer. One went off to business, another to pleasure, another to work. The days fled, and weeks passed. Once more they stood in the father's studio. With quivering voice he asked: "Do you love me? Give me a testimony of your love." The boys were frightened, and ran to their rooms; all save the one son, who brought forth in triumph the image of his father. The others found their clay had turned to stone. They stood before the father, but only one son could show a testimony of his love. The father put this son's statue by his bedside. The rest he threw into the ash heap. So we are moulding a statue of our love. God is the great artist with many sons. It is the voice of God crying: "Do you love me?" To each he gives the bunch of clay—the body—and says: "Take it into your homes; mould it after model—Christ."

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MARTYRDOM.

When the brutal emperor, Claudius, commanded the death of the noble Paetus, the wife of the latter first stabbed herself, and then handed the dagger to her husband, with the immortal words: "Paetus, it does not hurt." Death does not hurt those who die for the right.

MODESTY.

When Washington had closed his career as a soldier in the French and Indian war, he became a member of the House of Burgesses. The speaker was directed by a vote of the house to return their thanks to Washington. He did this with such generosity and warmth that Washington was entirely confounded. He blushed, stammered and trembled. "Sit down, Mr. Washington," said the speaker, "your modesty is equal to your valor, and that surpasses the power of any language that I possess."

When Agesilaus, king of Sparta, was dying, he ordered that there should be no statues made of him. He said: "If I have done any honorable exploit, that is my monument; but if I have done none at all, your statues will signify nothing.

MORALITY, SUPERIOR TO.

It has been said that Napoleon I. had no moral sense. He thought himself above morality, and seems to have believed that he had a perfect right to commit any crime, political or personal, that would advance his interests.

MUSIC, POWER OF. (24) Nolrega, a Jesuit, instructed the native children of Brazil to sing. He usually took some of these little choristers on his preaching expeditions. When they approached a village they began to sing a Litany. The savages, like snakes, were won by the music, and received them joyfully.

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The army of France stood before a wide river over which it was necessary to build a bridge. "Measure this river," said Napoleon to his engineer. "I cannot," he replied, "I have no surveying instruments with me." "You must, or lose your place," replied the emperor. Then the engineer invented a method on the spot, and measured the distance exactly.

NOTHING NEW. (26)

According to the Boston Herald, pneumatic beds were used by the Romans before the Christian era. A slot machine was used in the time of Rameses, in the eighteenth dynasty of Egypt, for the purpose of supplying holy water to the people. This was nearly 3,000 years B. C.

The German emperor, addressing some recruits, said: "I require Christian soldiers who say their Lord's Prayer. The soldier should not have a will of his own, but all of you should have one will, and that is my will. There exists only one law, and that is my law." That is what God says to us.

OFFICIAL, AN HONEST. (28) In the reign of Charles I., the fees of Sir Henry Vane's offices as treasurer of the navy amounted to £30,000 per annum. He acquainted parliament with the fact, and said that such profit was a shameful robbery of the public. He offered to give up his patent and for an agent to take his place on a salary of £200 a year. Parliament readily assented, and settled on him an annuity of £1,200.

(Continued in November.)

Preacher's Scrap Book

HOW BILL JONES BECAME MR. WILLIAM JONES. (29)

Big, hulking Bill Jones drew a dollar a day as a roustabout in a western factory and spent most of it for whisky and doggery. He started in to break up the noon shop meeting and wanted to fight. He did not want education or religion. The leader saw that he needed a bath and told him if he wanted one he might drop in at the Y. M. C. A. and they would take care of him. The next night he showed up and was put under the sanitary' shower, and he came again. He braced up, got cleaner clothes and stopped in at the reading room. His wits began to work. Later he decided that he did want education and went into the classes in arithmetic and penmanship. He brought his wife and little girl to the building to attend lectures and entertainments and liked this social life better than the saloon's. He got bigger wages, his wife got a new dress, and his tenement began to look like a home.

Then he dropped into the services. The songs touched a new chord in his life. Then he "went in for the full thing"—all the association had to offer—and instead of a bottle in Big Bill's pocket there was a Bible, and he goes to bed sober at night after reading a

Psalm and family prayers.

It was first the bath and the gymnasium with their physical benefits; then the reading room and educational classes and the mental awakening; the entertainments and friendly touch, the men's meetings and moral redemption, and the man and his life and home were different.

That was nine years ago, and Bill Jones is now Mr. William Jones, practically in charge of the entire plant where he was a roustabout. He draws a big salary, owns a fine home, is a prominent member of the church and one of the most valued citizens in the community, while the little girl, whom the drunken brute used to beat, graduated valedictorian at the head of her class of 150 in the high school.—Charles B. Brown in Association Men.

TRADE-BRINGERS. (30)

"My, that is a shabby suit you are wearing. You must get a new one. You look disreputable."

He was standing before the show-window of a clothing store. He was talking to himself, or rather to the rusty-suited man he saw in the big mirror.

Those big mirrors are trade-bringers. Looking at the elegant new suits in the window, then catching sight of his own rusty suit in the mirror, the contrast makes a man feel ashamed.

He didn't realize how sorry he did look. He sees himself as he really is, by the contrast. And at once he wants to fix up. It is helpful for a man to see his own shabbiness. It is the first step toward improvement.

A man had some unclean personal habits; he told stories not fit to hear; he was rather loose in his business morals; he was irreverent. Yet he thought himself a church member in good standing.

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By contrast he saw his own shabbiness and was ashamed. He had not before realized how much he did lack of being a Christian gentleman. The Bible as a looking-glass in which to see himself, and contrasting himself with some upper-class men, taught him a wholesome lesson. Showed him that he was a lower-class man. Made him want to fix up.

What effect does your life have on other men? And mine? Are we trade-bringers for the business of making men better? Do we help the Bible draw men to Christ?—Cumberland Presbyterian.



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A WILD ANIMAL FARM.

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Mr. Kendrick says that it does not cost any more to produce a pound of buffalo or elk than it does of cattle or sheep. Buffalo meat sells at from fifty cents to one dollar a pound, elk meat bringing nearly as much. The association will not lack a market at these prices if zoological parks and game preserves do not take the entire output.

The United States government is taking great interest in Mr. Kendrick's farm. It will co-operate with him by telling him how to cure or prevent any disease with which he is not familiar.—Success Magasine.

CYRUS FIELD'S SON. (32)

Edwin Field was the eldest son of Cyrus W. Field, who became famous by laying the first Atlantic cable, and later became still better known the country over as a financial ruler. Edwin was the confidant of his father, and was destined to be his business successor. He had his palace on "the avenue," his steam yacht, his carriages. He was a welcome guest in the homes of New York's exclusive society; he was respected in the business world as the able son of a powerful father.

Now his daily associates are Bowery habitues, longshoremen, broken-down touts and gamblers, and a few really unfortunate men who are looking for work in the days that come between their nights in the cheap lodging

louse.

Drink sent Field into the under world. He lost his fortune, his health, his place in society. For almost ten years the name of Edwin F. Field was obliterated from the places that had known it. During all this time, however, there were friends who helped him as they could, and kept him from starvation or some worse fate.

One night Field wandered into Hadley rescue hall, 293 Bowery. Providence led to the hall that same night Bradford Lee Gilbert, a rich architect, who had been Field's boyhood friend. Gilbert and the mission saved Field.

A job was procured for him.

So today he is slowly working his way upward in the world again. "Many a day," he says, "I have stood in a window on Broadway, not far from here, and signaled to my yacht to take me up the Hudson to my old home. But I have no regret for the past. I have found what wealth could not give me—peace of mind and freedom from appetite. My future is in the hands of Providence."—Norman, in the Cleveland Press.

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THREE DRINKS A DAY. (33)

To The Indianapolis Star:

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40 pounds of crackers.

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8 dozen oranges.

20 pounds of mixed nuts.

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FIDELITY TO SUNDAY. (34)

Two remarkable instances of fidelity to the letter of Sabbatarian law were given at the annual breakfast of the Lord's Day Observance Society

"I am afraid Scotland is leading in the van of Sabbath-breaking," said Dr. Blythswood, who presided. "One would think that people would notice and profit by the constantly illustrated fact that the man who observes the Lord's day prospers.

"I have worked for nearly 50 years, and such is my conscience that I would never put a foot in a train on the Lord's day, neither

would I use a public conveyance.

"One might say that it has prevented me from preaching in many places, but I cannot help that; I have had to drag myself along with the bag that contained my gown."

The other instance was contained in the

speech of Prof. Beresford Pite.

"The late Sir George Livesey told me," he said, "that he had never spent a Sunday away from his wife."

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APPLIED CHRISTIANTY. A folder from the First Presbyterian Church of Danville, Ill., announces a "Rest Room for This room is to be open daily be-Women." tween the hours of eleven and two for the more than two hundred women estimated as carrying their luncheon daily to their work, within a few minutes' walk of the church edi-No meals are served, but tables, dishes and linen are provided, together with some refreshing drink. The attractive parlors and well equipped kitchen are at the disposal of those who join the Noonday Rest Club.— Christian Work.

TAFT AND ADMIRAL FARRAGUT (36) Mr. Taft has the hearts of the people. rebuke of a foul show by going out; his "In God we trust" on the new penny; his total abstinence, and endorsement of no license, are all appreciated. He can do greater good by giving an example of loyalty to the greatest

of American institutions.

Judgment should begin at the House of God, for not only the rank and file, but the very preachers have in many cases substituted custom for conscience, and are treating the commandment that God wrote longest, as if it were least. Much of the Sabbath breaking is due to "want of thought." But surely all true prophets should now in mighty tones call on high and low to "Remember the Sabbath day." Tell it everywhere. Admiral Watson says: "That grim old sea-fighter, Farragut, was a strict observer of the Sabbath, and declared that the non-observance of the day was the greatest peril of this country. I accompanied him to Italy after the war. When we were in Rome, a reception was arranged for him on Sabbath evening by an American long resident in Rome, who had become foreign-When the invitation came the admiral sent her word 'that to invite an American to a reception on the Sabbath was an insult."--Wilbur F. Crafts.

> WHY THEY WILL NOT HEAR. (37) Luke 8:14.

The great trial in a certain household was the fact that the pale-faced little boy of the family would eat no meat; though his father laudably ambitious to see him big and strong, thought it was necessary for him. The father coaxed, threatened, and sometimes almost tried to force the child to eat it. He would cry if a piece of meat was shown him. One day the explanation of the little fellow's unwillingness was hit upon. During the hour when his mother was busy preparing the midday meal he was found sitting under the counter, eating sweet cakes, with now and then a handful of confectioner's sugar. (The father kept a bake shop.) Was it any wonder the boy had no appetite for wholesome food?

Many are saying let us preach more earnestly, let us preach stiffer doctrine; but is not the real difficulty due to the fact that many of our hearers are spiritually dyspeptic because of over-indulgence in this world's pleasures which cloy but do not satisfy?-William Fry-

CONSTANT CLEANSING. The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1: 7. Jno. 4:14; Rom. 4:8; Gal. 5:25.

Learn a lesson from the eye of the miner, who all day long is working amid the flying coal dust. When he emerges in the light of day his face may be grimy enough; but his eyes are clear and lustrous, because the fountain of tears in the lachrymal gland is ever pouring its gentle tides over the eye, cleansing away each speck of dust as soon as it alights. Is not this the miracle of cleansing which our spirits need in such a world as this? And this is what our blessed Lord is prepared to do for us if only we will trust him. -F. B. Meyer.

> IN THE BEGINNING GOD. Genesis 1:1; Rom. 1:20.

John Newton had a valued friend who ignored the Bible and said that all things came

They were both great students of astronomy, and so Newton devised a plan to make his friend feel ashamed of his "by chance" theory of creation. He had made for him an astronomical globe by one of the best artists of London under his specific direction, and had it placed in his library, where his friend was to meet him on a certain day to talk over astronomical facts.

The globe arrested his attention at once, as a wonderful production of intellect and art,

and he exclaimed:

"Why, Newton, where in the world did you get that magical work of art and star knowl-

"Oh," said Newton, "I came into my library yesterday and here it was. It came entirely by chance, just to convince me of the truth

of your theory of creation."

His friend saw the point at once-how impossible it was, and if so, how impossible that the heavens which declare the glory of God could have come by chance, if this human picture of them could only come by the design of a scholar and the expert work of the artist who made it. As a result he became an

> TRACTS. (40)

Rom. 2:4; Ps. 88:6.
A professional diver, while at the bottom of the sea, along the coast, noticed an oyster holding a piece of printed paper between its closed shells. The diver secured the slip, and through the goggles of his headdress began to read. It was a gospel tract, and coming to he said: "I can hold out against God's mercy no longer, since it pursues me thus." He became while at the bottom of the sea a penitent and, as he was assured, a forgiven man.

Tracts have advantages peculiar to them-lves. Their very silence commands the notice of those to whom a verbal appeal might not be acceptable. They often confront the

reader, too, unexpectedly.

LEAVING GOD OUT. (41)

Acts 5:39; Acts 27:13.
Dr. Howard Agnew Johnson relates an interesting conversation he had with a wellknown American automobile manufacturer during a recent trip to Europe. Said the business man, as they were considering the subject of missions:

"Why, doctor, it will be ten thousand years before India becomes Christian." "You are drawing a hard line on God," quietly remarked

Doctor Johnson.
"Oh, I forgot about him," was the quiet

"Then," said Dr. Johnson, "you can make it ten million years if you leave him out."

TIME TO WAIT.

2 Thess, 3:5; Rom, 8:25; Heb. 12:1. When I was in the United States last year I wanted to cross, and several times did cross, from the Brooklyn side of the great estuary to New York City. The first time I made a tiny blunder, at which you will doubtless smile, as the Americans did.

On the landing-stage we had to wait until one ferry-boat had discharged its load of passengers before we were permitted to go through the great barriers and take our places where they had been. Odd as it may seem to you, when we did go through, I could not notice the place where we left the landing-stage and entered the boat. I thought the boat was another waiting-room, it looked exactly like it. When we had been sitting there a long time, and I was looking towards the prow, not knowing it was anything but a room, I said to my friend: "When shall we be allowed to enter the boat? We shall be a long time getting across the river." He said: "You are half-way across it now." I had not known. I had only sat still.

You may go into the ferry-boat, as it were, and stand waiting. God is carrying you across the great river, but you have to go faithfully as far as you know before God will fulfil the rest of your desire. In the time of difficulty we have only to look up, and the Lord will open the way. God is all and in all.—Rev. R. J.

Campbell.

A PRAISEWORTHY FIGHT. (43) Prov. 16:32; 1 Pet. 2:23; Isa. 53:7.

A middle-weight prize fighter of the navy recently came in touch with the association It was not long afterward that he became the recipient of most tantalizing taunts and profane abuse from a shipmate-his inferior both in physical prowess and character. He stood motionless, his face crimson, his eyes sparkling; every line of his face was strained. After a few minutes of struggle, he dropped his head and joined the secretary who chanced to be passing on the other side of the street. "Any man can fight," he said, "I can, but I won't-everybody can't control himself, I couldn't-I won't fight." Then after a long silence he said: "I am trying to control my-self."—Army & Navy Association Bulletin.

Prov. 11:24; Luke 6:38.

Reports from the east constantly inform

us of the growing eagerness, amounting in some places almost to a mania, for western education and its dissemination. This is particularly true with regard to the Chinese. One Chinaman in his desire to impart what he had acquired to his less fortunate friends hung up this sign on his house: "Notice

English taught here up to the letter G." It is this spirit that will mean the speedy enlightenment of this great empire.

"I never met a man in Asia who could afford to wait to hear the gospel."—Murray.

PERSISTENT PERSONAL WORK. (45)

Luke 18:5; Luke 17:4.

During Mr. John R. Mott's recent visit to Cambridge University one student told him that he had received sixteen different invitations to attend the evangelistic services. He had yielded to the eleventh invitation and finally gave his heart to Christ. It needs persistence to reach most men.

REFUSING TO FIGHT FIRE. (46) 2 Tim. 4:10; Matt. 21:32; Judges 5:23.

Last year several of the northern states were visited by disastrous and costly forest-fires. In same cases entire towns were blotted out, while in others only the most watchful and tireless efforts kept the flames in abeyance. In a district in Michigan the danger became so great that the deputy fire warden invoked the aid of the law and called out all the ablebodied men of the community. One man, Amil Honka, refusing to assist, was arrested and confined in the county jail for ninety days, a punishment he richly deserved. There are a multitude of men in every city who are chronically resisting duty in refusing to fight the devil's numerous fires by going to the polls on election day and helping to put the cor-rupt politicians out of office. Perhaps it would he wise to have a law compelling all ablebodied voters to cast their vote or serve out a jail sentence. The desperate conditions of some of our great cities calls for drastic action of some kind. The stay-at-home-on-election-day critic is the most contemptible of all.

GOD'S GREAT LOVE (47) Rom, 5:8; Eph. 2:4; Jer. 31:3.

Edward Irving went to see a dying boy once, and when he entered the room he just put his hand on the sufferer's head and said, "My boy, God loves you," and went away. And the boy started from his bed and called to the people in the house, "God loves me! God loves me!" It changed that boy. The sense that God loved him overpowered him, melted him down, and began creating a new heart in him. And that is how the love of God melts down the unlovely heart in man and begets in him the new creature, who is patient and humble and gentle and unselfish. And there is no other way to get it. There is no mystery about it. We love others, we love everybody, we love our enemies, because he first loved us.

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Facts from 5th United States census showing growth of churches in United States in 16 years

Eight new churches built every day

No. of religious denominations	186
No. of local religious organizations	212,230
No. of church members	32,936,445
Amount invested in church edifices\$1	,257,575,867
Percentage of male church members	43.1
No. of churches built each day for 16 years.	8
Percentage which church members formed of 6.4 per cent larger in 1906 than in 1890.	population
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Of total of church members reported 61.6 per cent wer Protestants and 36.7 Catholics.

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THE STYLE.

A predilection for Gothic forms is a part of this tradition, but the comparative architectural excellence of the Episcopal Church is some-thing apart from the style, as many of the finest examples are not Gothic. This adherence to established types has left the designer free to bestow on the proportions and detail an amount of study not possible where one has to invent new types with each design. With the non-ritual church, until some specific type shall be adopted, the problem will remain largely one of invention rather than of adapta-Everything about modern architectural practice has a tendency to divert attention from the orthodox forms and traditions of architecture. This is essentially a new world and age both as to new demands and requirements as well as new methods, construction and materials. And the architect who has been educated in the classic and medieval schools must free himself from the fetters of conservatism, and, dwelling in this new atmosphere, adapt himself to the new conditions and types. Under these circumstances, it is not to be wondered at that when people are ready to erect costly church edifices, few men can be found who can embody in their plans and designs the essentials of the Modern Church; the regular practice of modern architecture unfitting the general practitioner for ecclesiastical work, and the modern non-ritual church being without type or precedent.

THE ETHICS.

God requires of man according to that which he hath, and not according to that which he hath not. Churches should avoid both extremes—not content with anything less than the best they can afford, and not guilty of a foolish extravagance, the result of a false pride, leading to a paralysis of church life.

It is argued that the grand specimens of architectural beauty with their vast treasures of art have been a blessing to the world by their elevating, educating and refining influence on the people, and there is much force in this. But how much have they contributed to the purity of Christianity or the evangelization of the masses? Is it not a fact that in the lands where these magnificent edifices most abound we find the lowest grade of morality among Christian nations? Have not the men who have been the most distinguished for their piety and have made the strongest impress on the Christian world, worshiped in the less pretentious edifices?

In our own country the denominations which have made the greatest religious impress upon the people are those who have been unassisted by grand houses. The church edifice in architecture, appointment and ornamentation, should be in harmony with the wants, habits of life and taste of the people who worship in it. The newly-settled country wants its mission chapel, while the wealthy, fashionable and refined audience of a city demands a house in harmony with the environment, the ability and taste of the people. Either would be sadly out

of place and of no practical utility if transposed.

Beyond question every church dedicated to Divine worship should be as beautiful as human hands can make it; not with the beauty of fashion, but the beauty of holiness. For this no other foundation or precedent is possible than that of absolute truthfulness—truth in design, material and motive.

THE ARCHITECT.

The real and valuable work of the architect precedes that of making the drawings, in assisting the committee in the determination of the essentials, so that the best plans, systems and arrangements may be fully considered and the capacity, materials, style, etc., discussed, so that the essentials finally determined upon shall be possible, practical and of the greatest advantage.

The selection of an architect for a church should be without fear of offending or favoring. You may take chances on your own residence, but the church is for the worship of Deity, and should be built fittingly to that pur-

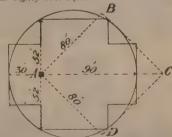
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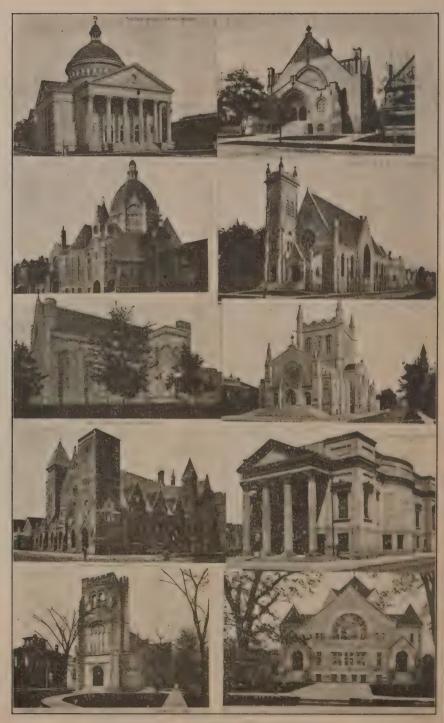
Prior to determining the style or character of design, the designer should have some idea of the surroundings, as the contemplated building is to become a permanent part of the group or mass if contiguous to other buildings, or if isolated, a part of the landscape, hence the necessity of securing either the proper harmony in effect, or possibly a desirable contrast both as to color or design.

ACOUSTICS.

The governing principles may be briefly stated as follows: Inscribe an area with a circle of sixty feet radius—then place the phonic center "A" thirty feet within the periphery, sound will be heard with equal force at all points of the periphery, that is to say ninety feet in front, fifty-two feet either side and thirty feet to the rear. The cut indicates the application of this principle to the cruciform church, as well as the diagonal; as shown by dotted lines "A" "B" "C" "D" for a room eighty feet square.



It should be noted that an auditorium that is practically all that could be desired for speaking is not always acoustically satisfactory for music, while one that is satisfactory for music is nearly always good for speaking, hence the musical requirements should be considered in arranging the church.



EXAMPLES OF CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

Church Building Wisdom

Some churches are built for the same reacon that an army throws out an advance skirmish line—to occupy the ground, and to prevent the enemy occupying. Sometimes the nain army comes to their support and sometimes they have to retreat.

Again, some churches are built because the noney can be secured. Some good old father in Israel may will a corner lot worth \$1,000, and denominational pride will put a \$15,000 thurch on it

Some pastor may want to build a monument to his pastorate in the shape of a new \$25,000 church. When no higher motive obtains he usually leaves a monumental debt.

A brother has been known to acquire an ambition to build churches just the same as some men are ambitious to become rich.

When some enterprising, zealous young man starts a Sunday School in a new territory, and it continues to grow for a year or two-grows so large it can't be accommodated in any building in the neighborhood, then there is some excuse for a church.

A cottage prayer meeting has been known

to grow into a healthy church.

When a mission Sunday School is started by a parent church, then the church which results is a church child. There are few advantages and many disadvantages.

Don't let some larger church adopt you as a promising child after you have gotten born. If you do you will get all the second-hand hymn books, old carpets, etc., and be reminded of what the foctor corpet is doing.

of what the foster parent is doing.

When the need of a church has been certainly established, get a committee of one business man, one disinterested real estate man, and a pastor. Make a map of the district. Estimate the number of people in the district or town which you are to occupy. Make a house to house canvass for people of your denomination, or inclined to it. Determine if the town is going to grow out far enough to make it a center.

Don't camp down next door to some other church. Possibly they may be worshiping the Lord in a way that is well pleasing to him, and he, as well as they may not enjoy the intrusion.

One aggressive denomination that I know, has put a church every mile and a half apart in certain suburbs to the number of six churches. That skirmish line is sagging in the center and in spots near the end. The churches which were on the ground and some which have come since have made in one place five churches within a half mile.

Be careful about a district that has a river which cuts it in two. Always take into consideration the homes that will result from the establishing of a manufacturing plant. This is more apt to happen when a railway is near.

On the map of the proposed district place colored tacks showing where Sunday School scholars are from and where expected membership is. This prevents friction as to location.

Ask each one interested for lists of names of possible contributors, and the amounts he thinks they will give. Assort these on cardindex cards. If you have set the amount to be raised at \$10,000, divided is up into graduated amounts:

Five			 	9	\$500	\$2,500
Ten			 		250	• 2,500
Twenty			 		100	2,000
Twenty			 		50	1,000
Forty .			 		25	1,000
One hur	dre	d.	 		10	1,000

That makes 195 contributors. Don't ask uninterested persons until your list has reached a point where success is assured.

Don't accept a \$10 pledge from a man who should give \$100. Thank him for what he has offered and tell him you will call again later, that the amount he proposes to give would cause others to drop down. Explain what you had hoped for, and unless he gives some business-like reason why he can't give it, go away and let it rest.

I asked a gentleman for \$5,000 once and he offered \$1,000, which I refused, and told him I would within a week give him information showing him that he would be warranted in giving the larger amount. Next Sunday, when I came he voluntarily offered me \$5,500 before he looked at my information.

He became so much interested in the other \$15,000 we were raising that he offered to give more. I refused it, telling him if the people were not interested enough to meet this gift, that the time to find it out was then. We raised the amount and he offered to give \$1,000 a year for six years, and and since then he gives \$500 a year. Be square with your contributors. Do not take more than any man's share even if he offers it. Don't allow one man to give more than one-fourth. If you do the people will lay down in the support of the church.

Put in all the memorial windows required, but build no memorial churches. Every church is a memorial to the life of Jesus Christ. There are exceptions when signal service to the cross has been rendered by the one for whom the church is to be named.

Money is more apt to be wasted when the building is for a church than in any other construction. Remember that money given for churchbuilding is a divine trust, and spend it accordingly. Secure vouchers for every cent. Have the accounts audited by a public accountant or some one who is favorably and generally known. You can save considerable in purchasing material if it is possible that you can discount your bills, or pay them at a definite time. A decision not to start work until 50 per cent of the money is paid in is an incentive to payment of pledges. A shrinkage of 10 per cent in pledges may be expected.

Story of Three Years' Work

CYRUS KELLOGG STOCKWELL.

It was about three years ago that we first became acquainted with the First Congregational Church, of Bloomington, Ill. They had incurred a debt which for twenty years they were unable to dispose of. They were very much discouraged and had sent for the Home Missionary Superintendent to confer in regard to the property. He prevailed upon them to keep it and suggested my name. We had just raised a debt in a defunct gas city, a very difficult thing to do. So the church sent for us and in less than three months we had the entire debt provided for, and in less than two years it was all paid up. The money was subscribed in shares of \$25.00 with the privilege of paying one dollar a month, which accounts for the time taken to pay out.

The old wooden church house was in such wretched condition that we were immediately compelled to build. The building was begun April, 1908, and in just one year it was dedicated.

The building is in the mission style throughout. With white brick and red tile roof it presents a neat appearance. It is considered as beautiful and convenient as any structure of its kind in the state. While it is beautiful in its artistic arrangements, all details are made subservient to simplicity and utilization of space.

The auditorium, which is about forty-two feet square, may be reached from the outside by three inclosed entrances. When necessary, the entire ground floor may be thrown into one large room and the pulpit viewed from almost every part of the building. This affords the opportunity of utilizing the entire floor space if occasion demands, while at the same time there is the advantage of having the various rooms for their several purposes.

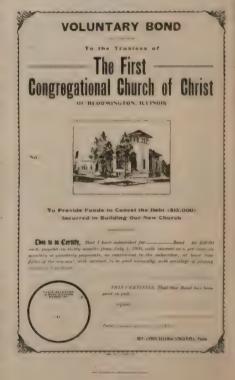
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Down stairs, under the auditorium are the church parlors, under the choir are two lavatories, under the pastor's study and primary room is the kitchen, under the Bible school room is the furnace room, and under the Y. P. S. C. E. room is the boys' room.

In the meantime the growth in membership has not ceased. In the three years one hundred and ten members have been received into fellowship. This is doing exceedingly well for a church which numbered but a hundred and sixty-seven members.

"The sword of the Lord and of Gideon."

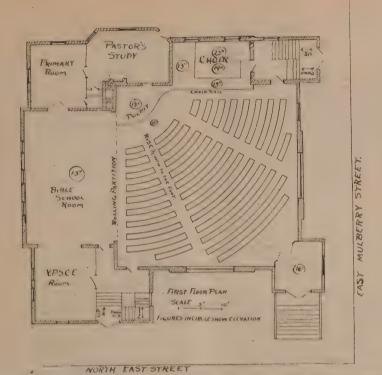


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Churches and Parsonages

ALBERT SIDNEY GREGG.

Unless the fund is provided in advance by gift or bequest, the responsibility for raising the money for building the church or parsonage will rest largely upon the pastor. He, in turn, will be obliged to enlist others in the undertaking. There are pastors who do nearly all the work themselves, while the officials and members stand and watch the performance. Others furnish the plans for getting the cash, awaken enthusiasm, and give the people something to do. It is hardly necessary to say that the latter method is the most commendable. In either case the preacher wins a reputation as a church and parsonage builder, and, once he is thus labeled, he rarely gets a chance to do anything else. The church building specialist believes in himself and the people, and is convinced that if he goes after the money he can get it. Often his methods are not noted for their elegance, but he accomplishes his purpose, and that is the principal thing.

Where the money is to be raised from a large number of persons, as is often the case, it is best to have at least two-thirds of the amount in cash, and the balance covered by reliable pledges, before actual construction begins. The temptation and the tendency is to start with a smaller proportion, and the result, under such circumstances, is generally embarrassment and a constant drag on the activities of the organization. Interest on the aggregate church indebtedness of the United States amounts to a large sum each year. In some places such bad judgment as to location and poor management in erecting the edifice have been exercised that the society hinders rather than helps Christianity. It is little less than outright wickedness for a church builder to plunge into debt merely because it is easy to get credit and the day of reckoning seems to be in the distant future. The same principles should apply to church building operations that regulate the conduct of prudent men in the management of their private affairs. But it is only too true that men who are exceedingly careful in handling their own money, will sometimes be almost criminally careless in administering church funds. The coin administering church funds. ordinating power of the pastor can be applied at this point, and matters so arranged that the responsibility will be definitely fixed.

The plans ought to be carefully matured, cost estimated, and sufficient resources provided. All money expended should be by vote of the trustees, and paid out only on warrants on the treasurer, duly signed by the president and secretary. Careful records should be kept. These matters are very important, as they help revent extravagance and scandals. Where one or two men are allowed to manage the matter as they please, without rendering an account or consulting with their official colleagues, there is danger of complications when the time arrives for final settlement.

If a church is to be put up by contract, it is wiser to let the job to some man or firm not connected with the society. There will be less danger of jealousies. In the case of a small building, where the pastor must act as architect and superintendent of construction, and depend upon donated labor and the main strength and awkwardness of his helpers, the situation is quite different. The latter method is not to be laughed at or despised. Churches built in this way generally serve a high and noble purpose in their respective communities, because the people have usually put their blood and brawn into them. They love the building and what it stands for, and, in most instances, are supremely devoted to a living Christ. It would be far better for many of the more pretentious organizations in cities if the people attending them had been forced to count each brick or nail as the structure was erected.

In the construction of the house of worship, as well as in all other activities, the ideal in mind is for the pastor to enlist the brains and energies of other people. Andrew Carnegie says his success is due to the fact that he has gathered about him men who know more than he does. Undoubtedly he has made use of the talents of other people in amassing his immense wealth, and the pastor can do likewise, in the city, village, and country, in carrying on church work. It is legitimate for him to utilize even the Philistines in his enterprises, if they are willing. The erecting of a church is generally regarded as a town or neighborhood affair, and the larger the circle of men and women it touches the greater its influence will be after it is completed. A saw, hammer, and can of nails may enable a pastor to get on good terms with some sturdy fellow who could not be influenced at all by the regulation methods of approach.

SELF-HELP IN DEBT-PAYING.

"Pay thy debt and live."—Prophet Elisha. There are numerous churches where the debt is so large and forbidding, proportionately, that the people shrink from undertaking to pay it, and so they keep on scraping up the interest year after year, looking forward to the time when some rich man will cancel the mortgage for them. Churches and universities in the West look longingly for help from the East, and those in the East wait for a wealthy parishioner to die and leave them a handsome bequest. The way to pay any debt is to go at it with a steadfast purpose, and at least make a start. Don't wait until the last dollar is in sight, but begin when nothing is

It is inspiring to see a small congregation making an onslaught upon a big \$10,000 mortgage, when it seems to be utterly impossible to raise a paltry few hundred. The heroic spirit always wins admiration and help, no matter where it is manifested.

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No church or institution has a moral right to seek outside aid either in paying debts, erecting a building, or meeting current expenses, until it has exhausted its own resources. The common practice is to begin on

the outside first, and it rarely succeeds, because there is no basis for a convincing ap-Wherever the members of a church, large or small, exhibit blood earnestness to the extent of giving their last dollar, and then go outside for the balance, they generally get it. It is an act of moral heroism for a church valiantly to undertake something in the line of duty which seems to be too great for accomplishment. Even non-church members will help a determined membership when, otherwise, they would do nothing. They will go so far as to volunteer gifts under such

A young people's society became convinced

that the pulpit platform needed a new carpet. They wanted to buy one, and put it down, but did not have the money. The organization was small and poor. At length a resolution was adopted to the effect that "we undertake to raise money for the carpet." In due time the desired amount was gathered in one way and another, and the coveted floor-covering purchased and laid. Resolving to begin was the hardest part of the undertaking. The same is true of paying debts or any other difficult church enterprise. It is astonishing how quickly the most formidable obstacles shrivel into nothing the moment they are resolutely and courageously attacked.

Saving \$4,000 on Building a Church

R. C. WUESTENBERG

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I have been asked by the editor of the Expositor to furnish a story of how I was able to be pastor of a large county seat church and be contractor and builder of a \$30,000 church at the same time. Let me say, however, that I do not recommend pastors to take up this work of contracting and building. I might say I was forced into it. Not by a mean board of church officials, but because there was no alternative. There never was a finer set of fellows on a church board than the ones I had the pleasure of working with during the building of this church. But I was forced to do what I did or be contented to see the church of which I was pastor remain at a stand-still in all spiritual and other church work in the community. The bids we received when we advertised in five papers were so high that the board threw up their hands and said, "We can't build." I asked for two weeks' time before they put the motion, "Resolved that we will not at this time build." My request was granted. I went to men who stood high in the town and submitted the plans and specifications of the church to them. I asked them to give me at once a bid on the kind of work they did. I said, "I am going to build that church and commence this fall." Hence, in less than two weeks I called the board together and laid my proposition before them to build this church for \$14,594 instead of the figures presented by the lowest bidder among the tontractors, which was \$18,420. They were amazed. The chairman of its trustees said, "These men the pastor has on these contracts are good reliable fellows, but the difference of \$3,826 I cannot understand. have confidence in the judgment of our pastor and in the ability of these men associated with him in the bids he presents. I therefore move that the pastor be given authority to build this church according to these plans and specifications." The motion was carried with but one negative vote.

It was September 1, 1906, on Saturday morning when I called the board together. I had a splendid building committee appointed with myself as chairman. I had an executive committee appointed of three men to whom was committed practically all the work. committee ordered me to begin at once. Monday morning, September 3, 1906, at six o'clock, I had eight men and three teams at work ex-

Everybody knows what foul weather it was for building that fall. The rain was incessant and in early October a heavy snow fall, workmen all seemed to appreciate my position and I never knew more loyal fellows in my I had no trouble with any contracts. had each contract written up in legal form. I discharged but one man in the eight months, and he was a worthless laborer. I am in sympathetic touch with the business men of this county in a manner which I could not be in twenty-five years of an ordinary pastorate. Business men have the idea in general that we pastors have no business judgment at all. It is the duty of each pastor to cultivate business methods in everything he does.

My board said that I should hire all men,

buy all material, sign all contracts and pay all bills. I at once went at it on a business basis.

I had orders printed as follows:

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First Methodist Episcopal Church.

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No money has been paid out by the treasury without a signed order from me. No one can ever cry "graft" if they were ever disposed to

We held our church services for a while in the Opera House. I preached in the morning, and in the evening the young people's organization took charge. I held a union prayer meeting with one of the sister churches and led every second week. I was on the work at six o'clock every morning and inspected every detail of the work. Three two-horse loads of bad lumber were returned to the dealer and he sent no more. Every stick of timber in that building is first-class.

Of course we built greater than we had intended when we started. People always do. My theory is that if you build an institution that is reasonable in price, beautiful in appearance and meets the demands not only of the present but the coming generation, the money will be forthcoming on the day of dedication.

When we at last completed the building we met together as a board and audited our accounts. We found we needed \$16,000 to get the property out of debt. Many of our men had already paid what they thought was their full apportionment. A full week's dedication program was planned. The first Sunday was given over to the finances. Dr. Camden M. Cobern, of Allegheny College, was present to deal with the money matters. And right royally did he inspire the people who filled every available space in the house notwithstanding there was a regular blizzard. The money came in thick and fast so that at one o'clock we found we needed but seven hundred dollars to pay the entire debt. In the evening the entire amount was subscribed with five hundred dollars in the treasury. In thirty days from the time the debt was subscribed the entire amount was paid into the treasury and all obligations cancelled.

Now what have we in the way of a building? We have a pressed brick building with modern Sunday School and social rooms. It is trimmed with white sandstone, and sandstone foundation five feet above the ground. It has a seating capacity of 1,000 all in sight of the speaker. Those who have opportunity to observe say it is one of the easiest churches in which to speak or sing. We have the auditorium seated with beautiful golden oak pews which cost one thousand dollars, and the Sunday School room seated with opera chairs which cost six hundred and fifty dollars. We have a four thousand dollar pipe organ; a one thousand dollar steam heating plant; a well equipped gymnasium extending under the entire church. We have bath tubs, closets, shower stalls, kitchen in basement with dumb waiter to dining room up stairs; a kindergarten and a public reading room. Our church is open from nine o'clock A. M. until. 10 P. M.

I have formed an organization which will operate the gymnasium on the basis of the Y. M. C. A., a small charge being made for membership. Anyone can become a member who is decent and continues to be decent. Does it work? It is working, and is meeting a long-felt want.

I am convinced that much money is thrown away in the building of churches. Our splendid business men who belong to our churches should consecrate a little more of their thought toward the building itself; not merely attend committees and give valuable advice but to look into the details of the building and buying the best material at the lowest price. Let them take the same careful interest as they do in a business block they are constructing. Of course the mere statement in a brief article in this paper of this building cannot convey to the mind of the reader the beauty and utility as well as quantity and quality for the price. You would have to see, like Thomas, to be convinced. An incomplete table of costs is given below.

The second Sunday after dedication I received twenty-eight adults into the church. One of these was a man from whom I bought the lumber. I did not court this man. I brought him to time. I was open and businesslike with him. He evidently admired that kind of a preacher. He also brought his wife.

One very good reason I have for believing we have a church far in excess in value of the price we paid is the fact I am going to give to you. I wrote to Mr. Andrew Carnegie for assistance in the purchase of a pipe organ. I asked him for half, which he always gives if he gives at all. He wrote me for the plans of the church. He asked me what we were to pay for the church complete. I told him \$28,000. He sent three different times for more elaborate plans and asked for details as to how we could build a church seating 1,000 for that price. When he was convinced of the truth of the situation his secretary sent us a check for half of the cost of the organ. Very few men in the country come in touch with church plans to such an extent as does Mr. Carnegie's secretary, and I regarded his persistent inquiries and doubts as a compliment.

BUILDING BID RECEIVED.

Excavating and stone work and wreck-

ing
Brick work 3,100
Roofing, tinning and spouting 1,500
Plastering
Carpenter work 2,900
Lumber, glass, doors, etc 5,190
Painting 830
Iron work
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Total\$18,420
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Brick work by day, including material 2,000
Roofing, tinning and spouting 1,000
Plastering 1,474
Carpenter work
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Iron work 720
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Lowest bid from contractors\$18,420
Individual bids aggregate 14,594
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Amount saved on contract \$ 3,826
Contract on wiring, plumbing and steam 1.500
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Today the Bible or parts of the Bible have been translated into 475 of the languages and dialects of the earth. Not more than fifty million of people are without the word of God in their own tongue, and they are little fag-ends of tribes in remote places.—H. C. Stunts.

How An Old Tavern Became a Church

ALBERT SIDNEY GREGG.

Shelburne Falls is a thriving little town set in among the hills of northwestern Massachusetts, not far from Northfield. There is not much about the place to attract attention save the big dam which holds back the water for the mills, and the long bridge which joins the two sections of the community. But this little town is the scene of a strange story, stretching over a decade, beginning with a bar room, including a murder and culminating in the erection of a memorial church in honor of Bishop William Butler, who was at one time pastor of the Methodist Church at Shelburne Falls.

On the side of the river nearest the railroad, and a short distance from the station, there was once an old tavern known as the Woodward House. It was a rambling structure, with a barn nearby, where food and shelter could be found for man and beast. Travelers were wont to gather in the tavern bar and drink until they were unable to find their way home. This bar was famous and infamous.

One night, Jack O'Neil, a well-known character, wandered into the bar and tried to borrow enough money for a drink, but was refused. Leaving the place, he came out into the roadway just in time to see a well-dressed young woman pass. She carried a bag and looked as if she might have money. O'Neil followed her until she was alone in the timber far from any house. Then he seized her and choked her to death. Rifling her bag he found ten dollars. Flinging the body into the brush he returned to the saloon, where he began spending the money taken from the woman. No one asked him where he got it. They did not seem to think that far.

The next morning the body of the woman was found with the finger marks on her neck, showing all too plainly how she had met her death. O'Neil was at once suspected and arrested. He was tried, found guilty and condemned to death. He was eventually hanged at Springfield, and was the last murderer to be executed that way in that state, as the electric process was just being introduced.

The murdered woman was the daughter of George Crittenden, a well-known lumber man of that region. He swore vengeance on the tavern and the liquor traffic, for he realized that O'Neil had killed his daughter to obtain money for whisky.

A few years passed by and the hotel became empty. The widow of the owner lived in a house on the same property. This was the situation when the Rev. T. C. Martin became pastor of the Methodist Church at Shelburne Falls. The widow of the tavern keeper and Mr. Crittenden were both members of that church

Mr. Martin was fired with an ambition to build a new church, and he decided to erect one as a memorial to Bishop Butler. The church property then in use had stores in the lower part, and an auditorium above. It was out of the question to remodel or enlarge it, and the only thing to do was to build. The old church was sold to the town for \$5,000,

and then Mr. Martin's eyes lighted on the old What a splendid site for the new On a corner! Near the depot! cessible from all directions! He must have it! Diplomatically he made arrangements with the widow and the heirs, and then took the matter to Mr. Crittenden and showed him what a fine opportunity he had to wipe the old favern off the map. Mr. Crittenden responded by advancing the cash needed to close the deal, and the church got the old tavern for a nominal price. Then Mr. Martin found himself in possession of the tavern, with its many rooms, an old barn, and a dwelling farther up the hill, which he at once set aside for a parsonage. As the church already owned a parsonage, it was decided to rent the one that had been in use and live in the one just acquired.

The new church was duly built and dedicated, and all through the building operations the official board made all its moves by a unanimous vote. If an agreement was not immediately in sight, a vote was deferred until there would be no opposition. This was brought about by either changing the mind of the objectors or by modifying the proposition.

The old tavern was retained for a parish house, where all kinds of gatherings could be held. A reading room was opened, and one room was set apart for games for boys and young men. During the celebration attending dedicatory week, refreshments were served in the old bar room where Jack O'Neil spent his money after he had killed the daughter of George Crittenden up in the big timber on the hill side. Strange memories were aroused by the surroundings of the old tavern, and many an incident was told of the dark things that had happened there, but there was one thing in which all rejoiced, and that was: The old tavern bar had been destroyed forever by the power of the church.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PASTORS.

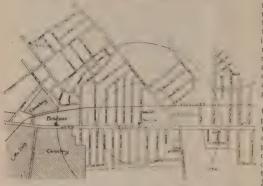
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Value of a Map in Raising Money for a New Church

Field of the Lake View Congregational Church of Cleveland, O.



Rev. Louis J. Luethi, pastor of the Lake View Congregationalist Church, Cleveland, O., recently made a canvass to raise \$15,000 for a new church building. His problem is as hard to solve as anything that ever confronted a missionary pastor on the frontier, but he is bravely solving it. A simple device which unified his people as to site and which has won the backing of busy business men is a map showing the surroundings of the new site. The map was engraved and circulars printed, which are constantly used in the canvass. The story of the map is best told in Mr. Luethi's own words:

"Our problem was two-fold: the selection of a new site and the raising of funds. The church must move—that point was conceded by all. But how far it should move from the old location was a debated question. The choice at length lay between two points. How should the varying opinions be made unanimous? Some people will not take the pains to go carefully over an extended area and study the situation at first hand; and some are only bewildered at the attempt. The scale is too large for their grasp. They cannot analyze the situation. For such people a map is better than a trip across the territory. The eye can then take in all the elements at a single glance. Especially is that true if, by some simple device, the valuous portions of the field can be so characterized as to throw light on the problem.

"In preparation for our official meeting in which the decision was to be made, I drew a large map on which I designated by colors those portions which for church purposes, I termed 'dead territory.' The cemeteries I colored green, the foreign settlement yellow, the business section brown. I clearly indicated the two points about which the sentiment of the church gathered. To show the relative merits of these two locations I drew about each of them a circle representing a radius of half a mile. It was at once apparent to the eye that one of these circles 'live territory' than the others. Everyone must see at a glance that one location was more central to the territory which our church ought to work than the other. This map hung where all must see it, and it overrode all opposition.

"Then came the canvass for funds. The church was weak and needed outside help. A canvass was made among the leading business men of the city, most of whom knew nothing of the local situation. Such men are too busy to listen to a long story, and yet they must be convinced that the proposed investment is a good one. Is that church really needed? It it needed there? Has the whole scheme been conceived in a business-like way, and does it give promise of success? If you can lay on the desk a map or chart that will answer these and similar questions at a glance of the eye, your sult is won.

"One man to whom I appealed objected to the undue multiplicity of churches. I pointed to my map. 'Are there too many there?' I asked; for the map answered that question, too. He went on with some impatience to tell me of another section of the city where there were twice as many churches as were needed. I listened sympathetically to his complaint, acknowledged its justice, and then brought him back to the map before him. He in turn acknowledged the justiness of my claim. He gave me a generous contribution, and is going to render further assistance, for we are not yet through with our campaign.

"This is only one of many instances in which the map has helped me out. Without

it I could not succeed."

A FEW COMMENDATIONS OF THE EX-POSITOR,

The New York Christian Advocate, Bishop McCabe and the Epworth Herald have spoken highly of the value of "The Expositor and Current Anecdotes."

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One Methodist pastor said one copy of "The Expositor and Current Anecdotes" was

worth \$23.00 to him.

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SEATING CAPACITY.

Bible School Purposes:

Ground Floor--Main auditorium .. 90
Primary room ..., 30
(One room or divided)

Extra Rooms:

Choir Room-For small class or superintend-

Pastor's Room—For small class or study and library.

Secretary's Room—In tower, upstairs.

Bible School Church

The South Dakota Sunday School Associations have had prepared by C. C. Hosmer, a Milwaukee, Wis, architect and Sunday School worker, plans of a church equally suited to church and Sunday School purposes. We take pleasure in presenting them as worthy of con-

Most churches are built for assemblies and are wholly unsuited for Sunday School work.

The full seating capacity of the church, when all the class rooms and auditorium are in use, is 275. For small conferences, prayer meetings, services in cold and inclement weather when few are in attendance, the central portion, all curtained off will seat 90, effecting an economy in heating, as well as making it easier for the pastor to preach to a few in well filled seats, than to a scattered house. The customary pews are in this central portion, chairs being used at the sides, so that when in use for the Bible school work, they can be shifted at will, otherwise being placed in line with the pews in central portion,

Rolling partitions separate the class rooms, curtains being drawn across the front. I have indicated rolling partitions to completely enclose the Primary Department, as I believe them essential, in assisting to confine the noise in the primary room to that room.

The same general arrangement is carried out upstairs. If funds permit, the balcony floor can be stepped, thereby permitting those at rear to get better view of speaker. A room in the tower, under the beliry can serve as the secretary's room.

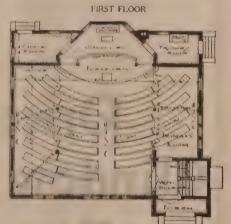
By careful foresight, I believe this commodious church home can be built for five thousand dollars. Of course, it is easy for the expenditure of a couple of thousand additional for interior decoration, finished basement and kitchen conveniences, for the five thousand dollars will not include the finishing of basement, notwithstanding it should provide for excavation and basement walls

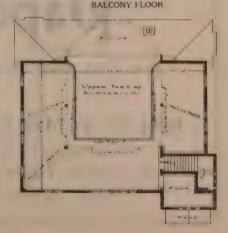
As a suggestion, I might add that the exterior should be finished as is all half-timbered work, with the boards left undressed, using wide sidings, or 10-inch plank, the latter lapped as is siding. All exterior and interior ex-posed woodwork should be stained a dark brown, with possibly an exception, that being the window frames, sash, and casings, these to be painted a buff color. This is not an unusual treatment of exterior, it being very popular all throughout the country, and is

church with the necessary class rooms for a Bible school of three hundred members.

No wide-awake body of church officers would think of erecting a one-room building for present needs, or for efficient Bible school work. To care for the child's comforts is to build up the Bible school, and to plan for the teaching for that child's life is to perpetuate the church in power and spirit







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The Widow's Mite—A Church Building Story

ALBERT LATHROP LAWRENCE IN THE CHURCHMAN

Viewing the sepia drawing at arm's length the church warden's eyes kindled. "It has the promise of a noble structure," he mused, his gentle old face glowing, "and I should like to see it grace our streets. If Paul Temple had lived-but surely I made no mistake in going to Brownston with the com-mission."

Then his eyes fell on the estimated cost.

"Seventy thousand dollars! It's double what St. James' can afford. I thought I made the limit clear to Brownston."

With annoyance and perplexity he stared at the drawing without seeing the architect's work.

"We shall not build to the glory of God if we saddle ourselves with a debt that cripples us in every other Christian endeavor.'

What a pity, however, that St. James' could not afford this beautiful structure! He might double his own subscription, although the sum pledged was already generous, being a

third of all promised.

But there were others to consider. Could his carpenter friend, Jack Brace, with his large family, double his subscription? Could Dorcas Higgs double her subscription? Her steaming tubs and six young mouths she must fill rose before him. And hectic Helen Dart in her little shop, selling inexpensive laces, ribbons, and post cards to support an aged mother-could she double her subscription? Could the hundred mechanics who worshipped at St. James' double their offerings, or the scores of factory girls give one penny more than they had pledged?

He must ask Curtis Brownston to prepare new plans which would come within their

But Curtis Brownston for his own glory had chosen to ignore what had been said of the cost. When he met the old man again in the latter's office he took the sepia drawing and gazed at it long and silently.

"There is nothing in Ottowosso that approaches it, Mr. Parsons, if I do say it," he remarked at length. "The working out of these plans has been a labor of love. thought much of the splendid future of our city. The churches should be something for Ottowosso to grow up to, not away from."

Matthew Parsons would rather suffer a wrong than offend another, and he wavered a moment. But in the end he pushed the blue

prints toward the waiting architect.

"I wonder if you appreciate the lines of this spire, Mr. Parsons," began Brownston, ignoring the action. "I got the idea in an old English village last summer."

Then followed one of those personal adventures, the narrating of which Curtis Brownston could make so charming. As he talked he rolled the blue-prints, specifications, and sepia drawing as if to take them away with him. He showed so little disappoint-ment that Matthew Parsons' considerate heart was greatly relieved. The narrative finished, Brownston walked briskly to the window.

"Choate Marsden was to pick me up here," he explained carelessly, gazing into the street. "Ah, there's his motor car now. Parsons, you must let me do something for you in the way of a country residence after I've finished Marsden's."

With a bland "Good morning," he was gone, having waved himself out of the office with a roll which Parsons thought to be the blue prints, specifications, and sepia drawing, but which was in reality the morning

"Ha! how's this?" exclaimed the unsuspicious old man later. "Brownston forgot his plans after all!"

"I feared to disappoint him," he mused presently, and slipped off the rubber band to take another look at the drawing; and before the day was over he had other members of the building committee up to view the plans-merely as something which interested them while entirely out of the question.

"If you say out of the question, Mr. Parsons, of course they are," remarked Jack Brace, more in awe of his friend's wealth than of his goodness of heart. From the rich furnishings of the office his eyes returned to his own cotton clothes, sun faded and workworn, and then to the sepia drawing. "All I got to say about that—it's a beauty. I'd like to work on such myself! But you know what's best, Mr. Parsons. It's generous to subscribe all you have. You know pretty well what the rest of us can give. If Paul Temple had lived, he could have hit the mark for us; which is no such sum as seventy thousand dollars, I reckon."

"I gave Brownston to understand that," replied St. James' benefactor, "and he is to

make new plans."

But at that moment Brownston was telling a different story. To his assistant he remarked craftily: "I left the plans at Parson's office. The old man seemed to lose some breath when he learned the probable cost, and he was for returning them to me. I believe he did ask me to do something for about half the cost. But that's not worth remembering."

The architect laughed as knowing his man. "You think you can work them off on him?" His assistant's eyes narrowed in a cunning

"Dead easy," replied Brownston. "He's as pliable as putty. I'll bring him to accept those plans-give me a little time. A church like that down on those corners will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

"A joy forever to Curtis Brownston," re-turned his assistant wisely, "and to St. James"

a lasting debt of-magnitude!"

A week later the architect met Matthew Parsons at the great doors of the tall building in which the latter had his office. He gave

his amiable client no time to speak.

"I've had that St. James' matter, Mr. Parsons, on my mind ever since I saw you last." he began fluently. "The press of business has prevented me from getting in to talk further with you. St. James', I assure you, has a warm place in my heart. You are doing a noble work there among the laboring people. and I want to see a structure erected that all will be proud of-Ottowosso, St. James', you, and I. The expense may seem a little extreme at first, but you'll not regret it in the He talked as if the plans were ac-

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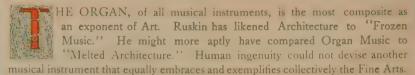
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cepted tentatively. "Did I tell you I'd cut my commission fifty per cent? That's just half the amount!"

They had reached the door to Parsons' office.

"No, no; I can't come in this morning," Brownston protested. "I've an engagement with Marsden. But I'll be in soon. You take plenty of time. Just half the amount, you remember!" And he was gone, leaving the gentle old man in a state of bewilderment. "Just half the amount!" was repeated in

"Just half the amount!" was repeated in his ears. But cutting the architect's fees in half was only a drop in the bucket! Had Brownston so misunderstood him? "Just half the amount!" It was possible. He blamed himself for not making the matter clear. Each day it was growing harder and harder to oppose Brownston. Yet what of all the poor people who trusted him?

He tried to see the architect, but Brownston avoided him for another week. Then one morning he dropped in on the helpless, whitehaired man with all the momentum of his

powerful nature.

"Now, Mr. Parsans, you're ready of course to close that deal," he began. "I've been telling Marsden and Vanderfelt and Boulderheller what you and St. James' are planning, and they're delighted that at last something worthy of Ottowosso is to go up on that corner. You'll have no difficulty in getting generous subscriptions from them and other rich men. Indeed, it's a little selfish of you to be the only wealthy finger in St. James' pie—eh? What's that? Of course I can't guarantee they'll subscribe any certain sum. But a handsome structure such as we're planning will command a handsome donation. Hanging back? Of course they're hanging back now. They want to see that St. James' really means to do something fine. Start your structure. Get your walls going up, and you'll have no trouble in raising funds. Eh? Oh, certainly I'll hear you out."

He listened with a bored air while the gentle old man explained what was already perfectly clear. Brownston was quick to detect the weak points in the other's armor, and decided the hour was not yet ripe. Parmons' sense of obligation required only time to deepen into something binding, and the

architect began sparring for this.

"Now there were the Knights of Arabia over at Columbus: they talked just as you do, Mr. Parsons," began Brownston with perfect art. "I drew up plans for a fine temple for them; but they threw up their hands like an old granny seeing a ghost. It was going to cost too much! I must do something smaller, simpler, less expensive. I drew up other plans—conventional, bern-like; half the size, half the cost. And now they blame me for all sorts of dissatisfaction. Their order has doubled in numbers and trebled in wealth. But they've got that ugly pile on their hands. They can't sell, for nobody wants a wigwam. No, sir, Mr. Parsons," he concluded, "don't ask me to commit you to a course you'll always regret. Think it over and I'll do the

This was but the beginning of meetings in which the architect flattered, cajoied, and browbeat the church warden until he was so worried that he scarcely slept nights. Walking to his office one morning in troubled thought, he met Ruth Temple with her two fatherless children. The young widow's sweet,

gentle face seemed to express just the sympathy that the good man needed.

"So St. James' is going to build at last," she remarked. "Paul longed so to make the plans when we should be ready," she con-

"Ah, I wish he could have been spared to us," replied the other, his blue eyes meeting Ruth's, hers swimming in tears, Mr. Brownston's plans are fine, but the cost is too great. I wish Paul could have done the work. He was one of us. I am sure he understood our needs, and would have given us just the right thing."

A week later Curtis Brownston called at Parsons' office, determined to snatch his vic-

"Ha, ha, ha! Same old bugaboo, Mr. Parsons," laughed the architect when the gentle head warden made reference to the excessive cost. "Well, I'm going to save you in spite of yourself. I didn't know that religion made timid souls. I thought one of the cardinal tenets of our blessed faith was a trust in the future. "The house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods," quoted the architect, having prepared himself with texts to serve his purpose.

There was a stir in the outer office, drawing the old man's attention from the contract

which Brownston put before him.

"I've followed nothing slavishly in making these plans," the architect explained, trying hard to held every advantage. "The theme in the stained glass window is a good one, I think: the glory of the militant church triumphant. Your signature on this line, Mr. Parsons. Talking with others, I've found all perfectly satisfied..."

An infantile cry in the outer room stayed the hand with the pen. The architect scowled and mentally cursed the disturber. The outer door opened and Ruth Temple, with babe in her arms and a little daughter clinging to

her skirts, stood before them.

"I beg your pardon," she began, her eyes including both men with some embarrassment. "I should have waited, I know; but the children fretted so. It's this, Mr. Parsons, some work of Paul's I came across while looking through his papers, 'Plans for St. James' Church' they are labelled." She placed a roll in his hands. "I believe Paul anticipated our needs. He estimates the cost at thirty-five thousand dollars—the figures you think right, do you not?"

"This is indeed a find, a godsend!" murnured the suddenly relieved old man as he examined the sepia drawing she had given him. Here was nothing gaudy, nothing oppressive with grandeur. The lines were simple and satisfying in their beauty. The more one gazed, the more pleasing and convincing

became the effect,

"And the stained glass window, Mr. Parsons," said Ruth, breathlessly—"I wonder how Paul hit upon a thing so appropriate, so beautiful. See, this is the master in the midst of the working people of His Galliee, teaching." Something in her throat seemed to preclude further speech, but with swimming eyes she pointed to the lettering.

"Come Unto Me Ali Ye That Labor."
It was so appropriate for St. James'.

Someone moved in the direction of the window. Brownston had been forgotten.

Ruth was frightened at the malevolent expression shot at them. But Matthew Parsons aw beyond Ruth, an artist's picture once seen in Paris. The pule, sombre-gowned

mother, with one child on her arm, the other clinging to her skirts, became the woman of Holy Writ at the treasury. He recalled the master's words, "Of a truth this poor widow hath cast in more than they all!"

As he turned toward Brownston, certain of the architect's words occurred to him, and another holy scene flashed into mind. Scripture had once been quoted to one in a high mountain where all the kingdoms of the earth were to be seen. Suddenly the little old man felt very sure of his course,

But Brownston had begun to gather his blue prints, the sepia drawing, and the specifications. He had no need to hear the old man's words. That face had convinced him

he had lost beyond hope.

"I will personally reimburse you, Mr. Brownston, for all your efforts in our behalf."

began the kindly disposed old man.
"Indeed, no!" returned the architect, angrily, "Another society will be glad to snap up what you have failed to appreciate!" And he strode wrathfully from the room, slamming the door behind him.

'Oh, what have I done!" exclaimed Ruth,

suddenly conscious of her position.

"You have saved St. James' from a load of debt, my dear, and given us a temple in which we may rightly worship our God?" said the little old man, strangely moved.

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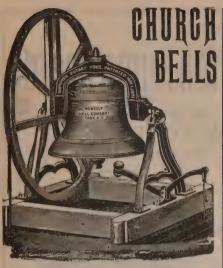
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Church Finances

GEO. ERNEST MERRIAM.

Pastor of the Fourteenth Street Presbyterian Church, New York City,

A few years ago, when pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Mount Kisco, New York, at a joint meeting of the different boards of the church, the subject of parish finances was thoroughly discussed. The result of that conference was an entire change in the financial plans of the church, resulting in a great gain to the regular income of the treasury and new life, socially and spiritually, in all departments. At the request of the editors of The Expositor AND Current Anecdotes I wish to give an outline of the campaign then entered upon and followed to a successful conclusion.

The church was not a large one, consisting of some one hundred and sixty members; nor was there any financial problem, as from year to year the income was sufficient to meet the expenses, though frequently at the end of the year a little additional effort was necessary to bring in outstanding pledges, so as to present a clean balance sheet. The real reason for the conference was a desire to add to the income that more money might be spent, with increased efficiency all along the line. Special interest practically demanded an unprecedented outlay in securing the services of an out-oftown organist and chorister; yet it was the desire of the officials not to take any forward steps which might mean adding to the debit side of our account without a proportionate

The church had long since adopted the free pew system; looking for its support through the systematic use of envelopes. Nothing, however, had been done for a decade in the way of special effort to increase the number of givers, or the amounts pledged by this method. It was determined to make this the keynote of the campaign. The main question was how to get more people to take the envelopes, and how to appeal to the regular contributors to increase their pledges. The result of this conference and future committee meetings was a carefully laid plan including four steps: First, committee with competent secretary; and fourth, a printed appeal from the trustees and fupance committee and a sermon by the pasa printed report with preliminary blank; second, the systematizing of benevolences and the use of duplex envelopes; third, a finance tor

It was realized that the basis for success must be information. It was necessary that the people should understand just what had been done and, at the end of another year, to see just what progress had been made. Hitherto carefully written reports had been given at the annual meeting, year by year, and those reports filed. A rapid reading of such reports, however, was insufficient to really impress upon the people the facts represented. The

first thing to do was to have the reports put in cold type. This meant getting them in advance from the various treasurers of the church and allied organizations and making them uniform, so that a carefully prepared summary of the work done could be made by the officials. For a number of years the clerk of the session, Mr. George W. Banks, had prepared a typewritten form to assist young and inexperienced treasurers in making a proper report. It was determined to make one or two changes in this blank and to have it printed, securing enough copies to last for a dozen years or more. This also meant that all original reports could be the more easily filed because of uniform size. We reproduce the four pages of this blank as being one of the unique points of the campaign, which attracted special attention in the religious press at the time.

This blank hardly needs explanation as each page speaks for itself. It told the new treasurer just what should be done, and told the old treasurer the balance which was on hand the year before and with which he must start his present accounting. It also permitted having the accounts audited if desired. Two weeks before the annual meeting two copies of this blank were sent to the treasurer of each organization, one to be returned to the proper official, as stated on the blank, the other to be kept by the organization itself.

From these preliminary reports the official report was prepared and printed, for distribution on the night of the annual meeting, so that each person present could follow the reports as read. Members were also advised to keep these reports that they might compare them with the reports presented the following The first page read "Annual Report of the Mount Kisco Presbyterian Church and Allied Organizations, for Year Ending March 31st, 1906," with the names of pastor, trustees, financial secretaries and finance committee below. The second page was given to the report by the treasurer of the church. The third and fourth pages contained reports of treasurers of Board of Deacons, Sunday School, Ladies' Aid Society, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, the Missionary Committee of Y. P. S. C. E., Women's Missionary Society, and Young Men's Organization. At the close was a summary of the work done. We give the "Summary of Work Done," in 1906, at the end of one year of such activity. I would only add that in my present pastorate I have found it advisable to have three columns in the summary; the first for expenses, the second for benevolences, and the third for balances. It is my custom now, also, to include what I call a "Worker's Record," showing in tabulated columns the number of calls made and received, phone used and answered, letters written and received, services attended, addresses made, etc., etc., by the pastor and each, of the workers:

Summary of Work Done.	
Church Expenses	\$2,109.41
Church Benevolences\$362.02	
Sabbath School Expenses	127.14
Sab. School Benevolences 107.14	
Christian Endeavor Exp	30.50
Christian End. Benevolences 53.75	00.00
Ladies' Aid Society Exp	410.66
	410.00
Woman's Missionary Society	4 11
Expenses	1.15
Woman's Missionary Society	
Benevolences 88.46	
Young Men's Organization	
Expenses	14.65
Young Men's Organization	
Benevolences 45.75	
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Tatal E	00 C00 F1
Total Expenses	\$2,693.51
Total Benevolences\$657.12	657.12

In the matter of benevolences it was deemed advisable to use the Duplex envelopes as easily procurable and as coming in neat cartons which could be hung upon the wall in some place convenient for the members' use. The same plan could have been followed by having envelopes printed by the church printer, two envelopes (preferably of different colors) for each date; one for current expenses and one for benevolences. It was understood, under the new system that loose offerings should always go for the church, as well as whatever was put in the Current Expense side of the Duplex envelope. The other side of such an envelope read as follows:

\$3,350,63

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BENEVOLENCES.

FebCollege Board
MarchSynodical Missions
April Temperance
May Publication and S. S. Work
JuneOur Own Bible School
July Church Erection
August Education
September Ministerial Relief
October Foreign Missions
November Home Missions
December Our Own Deacons' Fund
January Freedmen

"He that soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."—2 Cor. 2:9.

It will be noted that opportunity was thus given for each of the boards of the church, beside the cause for Temperance, Synodical Missions, Deacons' Fund and the Bible School of the church itself. The idea of the last was to make the Sunday School feel that it was indeed a part of the church and was in large measure to be supported by the church; also freeing the offerings of the children, that they might go more largely to missionary causes and so educate them to the giving for the Kingdom, rather than for their own support. It was understood that whenever offerings were taken for any other benevolence, special envelopes were to be printed and distributed in the pews, proper reference being made to them in the bulletin or from the pulpit.

It was thought by some that this new method might be an advantage to the church, but would decrease the offerings for the boards. This fear did not prove true; in fact the benevolences increased in very nearly the same proportion as did the offerings for the church proper: It gave the people an opportunity to contribute to some benevolence every Sunday in the year, and it enabled us to show the various boards, in response to any question, just when the offerings would be taken and when they might expect to receive the same.

The idea of the Finance committee was suggested by the Clerk of the Church, Mr. Henry H. F. Lounsbery. It was finally decided that this committee should consist of the clerk of the Church, the Treasurer of the Church and the Clerk of the Session. Their work was to follow up the printed and spoken appeals by seeing, personally, those members of the church and parish who did not immediately respond to the circular or the sermon. The fidelity of this committee was responsible for

the success of the campaign.

The committee was assisted by the Financial Secretary who took charge of the offerings immediately after each Sunday service, made the proper entries in the collector's book, provided for the purpose, and sent a quarterly report to each contributor, showing them just how their account stood. As it was felt that every communicant should be a contributor, a line was given to each member of the church, whether requesting envelopes or not, and the carton was mailed to each with envelopes enclosed and also the circular letter prepared, or in some instances a personal note. For all this work it was voted to pay a small salary, that the person elected to office, in this case a young woman, might feel an additional motive to accuracy and permanency. This proved a very wise move on the part of the committee, as otherwise very few would have been willing to retain the office for more than a single year with a consequent loss in the effectiveness of the system.

The sending out of the envelopes to many who had not, as yet, been contributors by this method, proved a good move. It placed upon the recipient the burden either of entirely ignoring the appeal of the officers, or else of giving some reason why the pledge card was not returned. The personal note was sent only in cases where it was already known that the individual had pronounced objections to the system, or where it was the custom to make an annual contribution by check. note simply said that there was no desire on the part of the officials to compel such an one to adopt a method of weekly payments, but only to treat them the same as all other members and to show them just what was being done. To them an annual report or receipt was sent in place of the regular quarterly statement.

The printed appeal signed by the Trustees and Financial committee was brief but forcible, showing just why this move was taken and what was desired. There was also an urgent request that the recipient should attend church the following Sunday and hear the pastor's

sermon. Into this sermon the pastor put all

his heart and soul, not forgetting to lighten it up as far as possible with anecdote and illustration. Strong emphasis was laid on the duty of tithing, and members were urged to return pledge cards without delay. These pledge cards, by the way, referred only to the current expense side of the envelope. It was thought best to leave the benevolence offering as a variable amount, conditioned upon the particular cause, and the interest aroused by the appeal from pulpit and of literature.

The writer was told afterwards by many members of the congregation that they "liked to see the pastor take off his gloves and strike out from the shoulder." This sermon—when repeated in substance, a year or two later, at the Fourteenth Street Church—was printed for distribution; and it was found as a result that the reading of the sermon produced greater results than the merely listening to it. A portion of this sermon, by the way, was printed last summer in one of the issues of The Expositor.

As a result of this systematic campaign, planning and printing, preaching and pushing, a great gain was made in the pledges by the envelope. This permitted progress in musical and other lines. It ought to be added that the writer refers to a church, of which he is no longer pastor, only because it gives the best concrete illustration of what the editors of this paper desire to give to their read-He in no sense takes the credit to himself for what was accomplished. Nothing could have been done had it not been for the advice and activity of the Trustees and Financial committee, and especially of the two men mentioned. The prosperity of the church has been even greater under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. Clarence W. Dunham. In all matters of finance it is not the man at the head but the method chosen and the men who are behind it. Any church can do the same by consecrated effort and stick-to-itiveness.

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Envelope System W. EDWARD J. GRATZ,

Only when necessary should the preacher take the financial helm of a church, and then only to devise and put into motion a sensible, business-like system with as little red tape as possible. The envelope system, with a general canvass once a year, a quarterly statement to each subscriber, and a general statement at the public services every two months, is the simplest and most practical. There should be no secrets in church finances. Don't ride hobbies in finances; if you find a system doing good work, let it alone. In some places people will give nothing but a ham or a cake to the church, and will not let go of suppers; the preacher should insist that his salary is

not to come from that source. A sermon once a year on "The Money Question," is a great

The way to raise money for debts, building enterprises, etc., is not to depend on schemes, but to go straight to your men and talk business to them and get the money, much time is wasted in scheming and planning. Every man in a respectable business in a community derives benefit from the church, directly or indirectly, and ought to do something towards some church in his community. There are some enterprises so significant that they have a claim on all men.

In church finances as in all church work nothing wins like honest, straight-forward methods that have snap in them. People are

willing to pay for what they get.

Benevolences Raised on Weekly Pledges

WALTER HENRY NUGENT, PH. D., MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

The most successful church plan I have worked recently in my church was in connection with the raising of our benevolences. We had for years followed the custom of many other churches to take an offering once a month for the various benevolent societies. This random giving, which included emotional, spasmodic, and thoughtless giving, and was promoted by stories, tears, flattery, heart-rending appeals, etc., and in the end only produced but temporary structures, I found to be very unsatisfactory, for the amount given depended on the size of the congregation, which in turn depended on the weather. Again when each collection was taken people would hold back in their giving because they did not know how many such collections would be asked for during the year.

With a desire to promite a careful study of income and expenses I conceived the idea of raising the benevolences as we raised the current expenses—namely by weekly pledges. The result was very gratifying, for it promoted not only systematic and proportional, but also increasing gifts.

I mention the result in but one departmentthe Woman's Missionary Society. The women had been accustomed to give two dollars each to missions each year. Under our new plan nobody gave less than five cents each Sunday, which was a substantial increase, and scarcely anybody gave less than ten cents each Sunday, and from that up to twenty-five cents.

The result was that in that department alone, the women, instead of raising \$150 as they did in 1907, raised more than \$600 in 1908.

Plan for Church Finances

The following circular should be sent by the officers of the church to every member:

The current expenses for carrying on our church work amount to about \$..... a year. This includes the support of the gospel, and contingent expenses—fuel, light, janitor, insurance, and dues to the general church. This amount apportioned among the entire membership of the church will make it light on every one. With this in view, we venture to apportion you, as your part of the above the sum of to be put into an envelope, and inscribed with your name, each Sunday. If amount indicated is not as much as you wish to contribute, raise it to the sum you desire. If it is more than you think you can give, lower it to that you think you can pay. Be sure and give something.

May we kindly advise that the sum you promise to give, shall not be allowed to run behind. Indicate on the attached coupon the sum you are willing to give weekly, detach it, and return to the church treasurer.

This system has worked successfully in two congregations. The people should be reminded frequently of their duty in Christian giving. The following is the form of

I hereby promise to give weekly for the current expenses of the church, the sum of to meet the amount necessary for the pastor's salary, and contingent expenses-fuel, light, janitor, insurance and dues to the

Name

One Hundred Per Cent. Increase

C. A. M'KAY, ASHLAND, MASS.

Since our coming to this place last April (five months ago) our church attendance has increased over 100 per cent. Our methods

Primarily, we endeavored to be faithful in our pastoral work and in the pulpit. We try to treat those who come to hear the sermon as a merchant would treat his customers. We endeavor to do them good, interest and please them, and be so cordial and polite that (if strangers) the chances are ten to one they will return. This must be the rule every Sunday. The instructions of an old professor have not been forgotten, namely: "If your sermon needs an apology, don't preach it," and "never disappoint an audience but surprise them with something better than they ex-

Secondarily, as soon as we know the chief workers well enough and where they lived, we "the committee of twelve") chosen with of town in which they resided. To each one of these we gave, with needed verbal instructions, a packet containing a copy of the following instructions (made on the mimeograph) also a handful of each of the two cards herewith indicated. All these forces working together have brought 100 per cent increase in attendance in f.ve months, the largest Sunday School in four years and the best financial conditions for several years.

SAMPLE COPY.

A number of sample copies of this number have been sent out. You may not be a regular subscriber to "The Expositor and Current Anecdotes," which many say is more than it claims or indicates.

This issue contains articles on Methods of Church Work which if printed in book form would sell for 50 cents, and the Homiletic and Illustrative matter is worth 25 cents to any preacher

If you decide to subscribe kindly keep this copy with our compliments. If not, will you not in return for the favor of the sample hand this copy to some other preacher?

If you have a salary of less than \$400 we make a special price of \$1.00 a year. Or if you get more and cannot afford the \$1.50, you may get two other preachers to subscribe at \$1.50 each, total \$3.00, and we will send you a year's subscription free. F. M. Barton, Publisher (Sub.

MACCALLA & CO., Inc.

250 DOCK ST.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Reverend and Dear Sir:

This is the time of year when you should lay your Financial Plans. The foundation of all successful plans is the envelope system.

If you are putting your church finances on a systimatic basis, or if you are planning to increase the revenue of your church, we can help you.

It makes no difference what plan you use we'll get some excellent ideas from our two catalogues, one entitled:

"SYSTEM IN CHURCH FINANCES"

and the other

"SUPPLIES FOR THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL."

The former is replete with ideas which will aid you in establishing the Envelope System of weekly contributions, or if already established it will aid you in properly conducting the work and pushing it to a successful issue.

The other catalogue contains a full line of helps to aid the Pastor in his Church work and the Superin tendent in his Sunday School work, and should be in the hands of every active up-to-date Pastor and Superintendent.

If you desire our complete Holiday Packet, which contains two new Christmas Services, a beautiful Christmas Cantata, illustrated circulars of Church Calendars, Collection Helps, etc., besides our cata logue, "SUPPLIES FOR THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL," send 10 cents and fill out the proper blank (this packet, does not contain the catalogue "SYNTEM IN CHURCH FINANCES").

We now have over 21,000 churcher whose needs we are constantly supplying. We want to interest you - to give you ideas that will help you in your work. Will you not fill in your name and address on one or all the blanks as you desire, forwarding the same to us? These catalogues will aid you in your work.

Very truly yours,

MacCALLA & COMPANY, Inc.

Sign blank on other side.

Financial Aid for your Church if you will read letter on other side of this page and then sign and mail one of these blanks

MacCALLA & CO. Inc.

250 Dock Street, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Please send me your 64-page booklet regarding "System in Church Finances."

Date

Name of Church

MacCALLA & CO. Inc.
250 Dock Street, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Please send to address herewith your FULL
HOLIDAY PACKET, for which I enclose 10 cts.

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250 Dock Street, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Please send to address herewith your catalogue "Supplies for the Church and Sunday School."

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Address

Denomination

SEE LETTER ON OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE

METHODS OF CHURCH WORK

E. A. KING, EDITOR, NO. YAKIMA, WASH.

October is the month for pastors and church officials to begin to think of financial matters. It is not conducive to success and smooth sailing to allow these things to drift on until De-

cember or January.

The canvass for next year's funds need not be made in October, of course, but October is not too early to begin to think over what may be done next year. In every business-like church there should be a budget of expenses, and that can begin to have some consideration now.

Every year should be our "best yet" year. If we have never made out a financial budget, we should begin this year. If every item of possible expense is put down, then the proper officers can say to the people that in order to accomplish this proposed work so much is

needed, what will you give?

The canvass, when it is made, should continue until the total amount is provided for, or the budget cut down so as not to exceed the income. It is unwise to take chances or to

mortgage the future very heavily.

This department would consider it a great favor if pastors would send us samples of their literature, copies of their letters, clippings from newspapers, or anything else that would shed light on the methods used in their churches to raise money for current expenses, missions, or building funds.

Address 4 So. Sixth street, North Yakima,

Making the Church a Paying Investment

In this article we are not considering the church from a spiritual, but from a business standpoint. There are a few solid facts which every pastor ought to know the truth about in regard to the successful business management of his church, be it a large parish or a small one.

One of these facts is this: The church as an organization must actually accomplish something special which meets the needs of the

community in which it exists.

Many a pastor when asked what his church is doing, will say that it is holding two services on Sunday, a Sunday School session, and a young people's meeting. During the week there is a prayer meeting, and the rest of the

time is spent in visiting around.

There is no doubt that such work takes nearly all of the pastor's time. He has letters to write, books to read, callers to entertain, calls to make, marriages to perform, and funerals to conduct. This is quite a task, but no more than an active, successful business

It is possible for the preacher to feel that this is a great load to carry, and he finds that as the weeks come and go his work is never finished. He is liable to complain, especially if his salary is not paid on time, and if he, himself, has to raise most of it. He is liable to give the impression that the chief end of his professional activities is to make a living. to keep things from falling apart, and to

merely hold the fort.

All this sort of labor is good, but it is not the best a man can do. It is merely living, it is not the abundant life. The church must make itself felt in the community. The preacher, himself, may need to put new life and energy into his preaching. Let him put more time into his study for a month and less into calling.

Let him sound the positive, hopeful, optimistic note in his preaching. Let him smile instead of frown. Let no word of complaint be heard from his lips. This spirit will have a dynamic effect not only upon himself, but upon many people in his congregation.

Let him next become better acquainted with his Sunday School superintendent and with the teachers. Invite them to the parsonage. Devote a month to the study of Sunday School methods, and seek to introduce something new and interesting into the school work. This is bound to have its effect. Any work devoted to the young people will pay large returns.

Let him devote some time in organizing his men into a brotherhood or club. Let them have banquets, speeches, and invited speakers. Let them discuss the problems of civic improvement, of church work, etc.

Let the preacher visit the public schools, attend public meetings for town improvement, the caucuses of his own political party. Let him become interested in the welfare of his

city in every way that a good citizen can.

In all of these things let him keep the money question in the background. Occasionally he may tell his people that he knows that they will liberally support a good work. Give them an idea that their church is a part of this progressive age, and that the Kingdom of God

is being ushered in.

Let the church become an active, awakened hopeful force in the community, and people will attend it and will contribute to its support. There is no doubt about it. No one, however, cares to give to a half alive, doubtful, timid organization of any kind. The difference is between effeminacy and virility, between pessimism and optimism, between fail-

If our churches would only realize that their work has to do as much with this world in which we live as with that for which we are bound, and would compel attention by actual practical service to the community, the financial question would in many cases solve it-

We make a great mistake when we say to the people, "Give us the financial support and we will do thus and so." We should use what we do have with such ingenuity, such ability, such success that the very doing of it will win approval and support. Do the best work and the best people will stand by it and support it.

Pastors sometimes fear to make large requests for money or service. They fear that the people will not respond, and this lack of faith very often defeats the end of their ap-

peal.

Rev. Henry E. Jackson, in "The Individual System of Church Support," says on this point that church officers too often treat the people as a certain minister is said to have treated a cow presented to him by his deacons.

After a few weeks they inquired whether the cow was doing her duty in furnishing milk. "No," he said, "she does not give as much now as she did at first." "That's strange," they said, "for she is a fresh cow." On further investigation they discovered that the minister, who knew very little about cows, thought he ought to be economical with the milk, and not make too many demands on the cow. So he only milked her every second or third day. The cow, of course, suffered under this treatment, and began to go dry.

Whenever church officers misunderstand the people and make timid requests of them, the people punish their lack of courage by ignoring

their too lukewarm demands.

We have always found it wise to keep the people informed regarding the state of the finances by semi-annual or quarterly statements. In this way the people feel that they are being taken into confidence, that they are a part of the concern, and that it is for their interest to keep up the work.

This is the second fact which the pastor needs to know. With a hopeful spirit himself, with a church that is doing something worth while, with a people informed as to every detail of the business side of the work, the pastor, or church officers, may make large requests for money and feel practically sure that an adequate response will be made.

The chief point, however, which we wish to make is this: Keep the work of the church uppermost in the minds of the people, and the financial needs in the background as much as possible. Make good, as the business world says, and in material affairs, at least, the

church will prosper.

A Bible Reading on Giving

Rev. Winfred Altvater, of Lexington, Ohio, has been publishing a series of single page tracts, entitled "With Open Bible Series." One of these deals with the subject, "The Disciple and His Money." It is very good and worth reproducing here.

It could be used as the basis of a sermon or a prayer meeting topic. The tract is re-

produced herewith:

THE DISCIPLE AND HIS MONEY. By Winfred Altvater.

"With Open Bible" Series, No. 4. Money is stored-up personal energy. represents the man himself. Jesus instantly turns an important personal conversation an important personnel salvation to money matters (Mark salvation: "What 10:17-22) and answers the question: "What shall I do with my money?" Reflect how the sphere has enlarged today, and note the ease and rapidity with which large numbers of small givers can combine to do great things.

The Macedonian Christians became so glad about something (II. Cor. 8: 1-4) that, although poor and persecuted, they gave liberally. Note (II. Cor. 9:7) that cheerful means "hilarious. They were grateful for the benevolence of Jesus (II. Cor. 8:9). They rejoiced to find that they had something their Father could use and needed. Compare the closing scene of the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians with the opening verse of the sixteenth. giving appears to be a fundamental virtue, like faith and love (II. Cor. 8:7). One might well pray "Lord, I am inclined to be stingy. Increase my desire to give." Giving is a proof of the sincerity of one's Christian profession (II. Cor. 8:8). It is very probable that there is no large development of Christian character possible without generous giving. (II. Cor. 9:16). Notice Paul's bit of elsewhere unrecorded testimony of Jesus (Acts 20:35) and explain what you understand the meaning to

Jesus held that a man is a steward who should be busy making eternal friendships with his money (Luke 16:1-9). To be selfish incapacitates him for the life to come (John 12:24). A man who uses money-power selfishly cannot be trusted with a higher form of power (Luke 16:11). Applied to a church which uses its money-power selfishly, it is nothing short of criminal to grant prayerpower (John 15:7). Compare the thought that in a sense money never becomes perma-

nently one's own (Luke 16:12).

The modern facilities for swift combination and rapid communication urge alike the millionaire and the man with a dollar to use his himself quickly for some trust of higher power in the oncoming Kingdom of God (Matt.

Published by The Athenaeum, Lexington, O.; 20c per 100, \$1.50 per 1000, postpaid.

NOVEMBER EXPOSITOR.

The special features in November aione will be worth a year's subscription. You would willingly pay \$1.50 to \$5.00 railroad fare to attend a conference on Church Methods, and it is doubtful if you would get as many valuable suggestions as from the discussion in this issue.

Do not delay. If you have not the money in hand, sign the blank below and send at once, in order not to miss the November num-

M. BARTON, pub. "The Expositor," Cleveland, Ohlo.

You may send me "The Expositor" one year for which I will remit \$1.60 in 60 days.

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It is not the opponent of Christianity who is the greatest barrier to the success of the church today, it is the exponent of Chris-Each church member does well to ask himself, "What is my example saying to the man outside of the church?"-Bishop L. B. Wilson.

A Suggestive Card

Rev. John H. Howard, D. D., of New York, says that the "Spiritual Thermometer," which is reproduced below, is a great idea. He circulates it freely in his church just before a revival season. It can be used at any time. It is a small white card 2½ x 4 inches, and is published by The Christian Finance Association, New York City. Three hundred cost

\$1.00 by mail.

Spiritual Thermometer



What is your Temperature? Published by THE CHRISTIAN FINANCE ASS'N, NEWYORK

Quarterly Statements

The Universalist Leader tells of a prosperous parish in Maine in which a complete financial statement is sent every three months to each contributor to its support and work. No

wonder it prospers.

Perhaps four times a year is oftener than is necessary, but the policy of training the whole congregation to feel that the financial welfare of the church, as truly as the religious, is expected to be of interest to them is sound. They are expected to support the church, and they have a right to complete knowledge of its affairs. No committee, nor even an or-ganized society connected with a church, should compel any to whom it appeals for money to ask for information about how

How to Make the Weekly Offering a Success

The following suggestions come from a pastor who has been remarkably successful in persuading his people to give generally, gencrously and regularly:

1. Let the pastor persistently advocate pro-portionate giving. Let him talk about it in

private and public, and especially before the beginning of the financial year.

2. Let the pledge-cards be distributed in the pews several Sundays before the beginning of the year; or, better yet, let the congregation be thoroughly canvassed by a wise and tactful solicitor, who will present the cards and ask for pledges.

3. Make a point of having each member of every family take a pledge-card and become a regular contributor. Emphasize the importance of small gifts,—five cents, or even a penny a week. Urge the children to become regular givers.

4. Make the offertory as much a part of the Sunday service as the prayer or the reading of the Scriptures. Impress upon the people that they worship God by giving just as truly as by any other devotional act. This is all-important. No congregation is right-minded or right-hearted the members of which look upon the passing of the contribution box as an intrusion. We take up the offering at every service in our church. The plates are passed while the organist is playing some appropriate selection, after which I go down from the pulpit, receive the offering from the hands of the officers, and dedicate it to God in a brief prayer. This custom has tended to transform the old prejudice against the contribution box into a delightful spirit of sacrificial worship.

How to Remove Clouds of Debt

Several years ago we were facing a large debt. Some one gave us the address of the Christian Finance Association of New York, stating that a letter of inquiry sent to them would bring great benefit. Thereupon we communicated with them and found the very relief we needed.

Two little books were sent to us. One was entitled, "Silver Linings Fitted to All Clouds of Debt." The other was called, "A Problem that is Always With Us. Its Solution We Offer Herewith."

The first book is the story of church debt lifting. It is ingeniously illustrated, and filled with encouragement. The second book is full of illustrations of the various "Little Tithing Helper" devices.

We sent in our order for a number of them and went to work. It was surprising how the people took to them and how well they worked.

A few years later we needed to raise more money. The same devices were used, but this time we took advantage of the prize pins. The Association in its book of instructions says:

"Recognizing the fact that a notable quickening of personal interest on the part of young people in any money raising effort is necessary to its pronounced success—we have found that a trifling reward offered for faithful service has constantly been productive of admirable results. For such rewards nothing will be found more universally acceptable than our Sunday School Badges,

"By way of illustration, let us suppose that you wish to raise \$50, \$100, \$500, or \$1,000. You first purchase enough of our Gleaners with which to do this, and a sample International Sunday School badge. You then offer to present one of these beautiful little souvenirs to each scholar as a reward for collecting not less than \$2.00, and to present a solid gold International Sunday School badge to the one who fills the greatest number of Gleaners, making this offer to present members of your Sunday School, and also to any who may choose to join the school.

The inevitable outcome of this experiment will be the instant creation of a harmless and healthy rivalry in the school, and the development of individual effort, that will speedily fill the treasury, and largely increase its membership, and will also equip the school with badges, which will be a standing advertisement. As a practical evidence of our faith in the outcome of such an effort, we hereby agree to take back and refund the cost of all devices which have failed to collect 50c."

We found by actual experience that the children and young people will collect the money. The amounts requested are very small, being only nickels and dimes. The pins are of fine quality and worth having. Hundreds of dollars can thus be raised.

One year we arranged for a Christmas offering. The little tithing star was used. One of the laymen constructed a large wooden star full of pins upon which the little stars, each containing a dollar in dimes, were hung. We had a special Sunday School service and received the children's gifts with considerable formality.

Any church can do this. The cost of the devices and pins may be deducted from the total receipts. There is no chance to take, for the plan is sure to pay for itself, and if properly conducted to net a large sum and give everybody a chance to help.

Such a plan works exceptionally well in churches where there are no very well-to-do people. We commend it to tired, discouraged preachers everywhere.

The Pastor's Bargain Counter

Rev. P. Marion Simms, Ph. D., of the Presbyterian Church, Vinton, Iowa, has gotten out one of the very best appeals for an advertising fund we ever saw. It is printed on a 4x6, four-paged folder, only cardboard, and is entitled, "The Life, the Truth, the Way."

Every word of it is worth reproducing, and it explains itself. With the folder, which is enclosed in an onyx envelope, is an envelope for the offering, which we also reproduce.

Dr. Simms writes us that these folders netted the fund over one hundred dollars, Any pastor can adapt this to his own parish.

THE LIFE.

Did you ever stop to think what prayer, perseverance, printers' ink and postage might do for the life of our church? Perhaps you have thought of the possibilities of prayer and

perseverance. But we want you to stop and think of the power of printers' ink and postage.

Ordinary business no longer succeeds without a publicity department. Neither can the church. The Presbyterian Church recognizes that fact, and today publishes thousands of leaflets and tracts for free distribution. No better literature in print than many of these tracts. We have been giving them out at church. But think of the large number of non-church goers who do not receive them. suitable tract, including a cordial invitation to attend the church, mailed regularly to non-church goers and the irreligious would do great good. It would show them that we are interested in them. They would appreciate it. The various boards of the church will furnish free much of the literature we will need. Appropriate letters, invitations, programs, cards occasionally from the pastor to non-churchgoers and the irreligious, sometimes to members of the church, would be exceedingly helpful. Many other such things might be suggested. But printing and postage cost money. Yet everything that is good costs something.

THE WAY.

Now, most people are superstitious; you, perhaps, are one of the number? Does the number thirteen affright you? It does many, Italians and Turks will not use it. In Paris no house bears that number, and there are no dinner parties of thirteen. Norsemen first discovered the ill omen of the number; the institution of the Lord's Supper in the presence of thirteen confirmed it among Christians. Now would you begin new work on the thirteenth, or stay in room thirteen at the hotel, or make the thirteenth at the table?

Out with a quarter dollar now and examine it carefully. It has thirteen stars on its face. On its obverse side, thirteen stars. The motto, E Pluribus Unum, contains thirteen letters. The shield is made up of thirteen bars. The eagle holds in one claw thirteen arrows, in the other a branch with thirteen leaves. Below these you read quarter dollar, composed of thirteen letters.

What shall you do about it? That is easy enough. If you are over thirteen years old, take that quarter and another like it, place in the enclosed envelope to be dropped into the regular offering next Sunday for our advertising fund. We need them, and we are not superstitious at all.

Pastor's Bargain Counter

Sunday, May 31, '08

Four Quarters of Advertist Two Quarters on Coin

For every member of the church and all others who will invest

Name

Amount

Double Gifts, Doubly Blest

NO COLLECTIONS.

In the Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis the financial plan is never to take special collections for the benevolent work of the church at home and abroad. At the beginning of the year pledge-slips are passed out, and the members are asked to give pledges for the current expenses and to the benevolent work. If they have a preference it can be stated; but if not, the money is divided according to the plan laid down by the denominational boards.

They often have a social hour with refreshments served after their annual congregational meeting, which gives an opportunity for talking over the departments while the reports are

fresh in their minds.

A SIMPLE BOND OF UNION

There is often difficulty in some places in bringing Christians of different views together. The Union Congregational Church of Green Bay, Wisconsin, has been successfully organized under the following simple bond:

OUR BOND OF UNION.

We accept the religion of love and service which Jesus lived and taught, and declare it our purpose to strive to do the will of God, and to make the Christ spirit dominant in our lives, and in all the relations of men to each other. The following explanatory paragraph is at-

tached to some of their printed matter:

We require no creed-test from those who unite with us. The above bond of union is the basis of our fellowship; assent to it is the sole condition of membership in our church.

THE WELCOME HAND.

If the church will back up such an advertised welcome, we recommend this illustration to be used on printed church invitations.

What You Are After Is on The Inside



Here's my hand to welcome you.

RAISING BENEVOLENCES

At Oakland, California, Plymouth Church has just demonstrated how a successful financial campaign for benevolences can be carried through. It was found that last year the contribution to home and foreign missions amounted to only an average of 3¢ per week per resident members. It was decided to adopt the weekly instead of monthly offering for benevolences.

Pledge-cards were placed in the pews and after two weeks the Benevolence Committee mailed a pledge-card and a short letter to every member of the church who had not turned in a pledge-card. The result has been sixty-one pledges ranging from five cents to one dollar per week, which, if paid in, will bring the average per week per resident member up to four and one-half cents. In other words a quiet, systematic campaign in a church where there are practically no wealthy people, has raised both the number of contributions and the per capita gifts fifty per cent.

MUSIC AND WORK.

"The story of Amphion building Thebes with his lyre was not a fable," says Dr. Clarke. "At Thebes we saw enough to convince us that this story was no fable. It was a very ancient custom to carry on immense labor with an accompaniment of music and singing. The custom still exists both in Egypt and Greece."

BLOTTER ADVERTISING.

The use of a blotter is a necessity. Whatever is printed on the face of it is bound to be seen by the user. He may not give it special attention at first, but in time it will make its impression.

The Trinity Baptist Church, of Newburg, New York, has used the blotter with success. These may be printed by local printers at very reasonable rates.

The following sample is good, though we think there is too much solid type. Whatever is printed should be large, clear and catchy, though dignified and weighty.

A Call to worship to the homes of Newburg



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Cor. Broadway and Fullerion S. E.

WAITING TO WELCOME YOU TO ALL THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH Sunday 10:15 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School 1.30 YOUNG PEOPLES' MEETING TUESDAY 7:30 PRAYER AND PRAISE FRIDAY 7:30

"O' come let us worship! let us how down, let us kneel down before the Lord, our maker."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1908 THE PASTOR WILL BEGIN OF HIS FALL AND WINTER WORK

Special sermons will be preached on the following subjects: 10:15 MORNING WORSHIP. "SOME THINGS WHICH WILL MAKE ANY CHURCH GO." 1:30 THE FALL REUNION OF TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS IN THE BIBLE SCHOOL. 7:00 EVEN SOMG AND SERMON

PERLUDE. "The present Burglary Epidemic. It's Cause and Cure."

SEKMON SUBJECT. "A question every man in Newburg must answer within the nost 24 hours'

MR. FRANCIS SADLIER WILL SING.

A Church for the people-Free seat-Free hymnal-Free will offering-Come.

KEEP ME FOR YOU WILL NEED ME

"Disband the Ladies' Aid Society"

The above caption will-cause many a pastor to tremble for the future financial policy of his church, but he should seriously ask this question: What is the Ladies' Aid for?

Dr. B. L. Paine, of Lincoln, Nebraska, once wrote in the Omain Christian Advocate two articles, one on the theme suggested above, and another on "Have You Paid Your Pastor?"

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Missionary Sunday

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The cause of Christ is the cause of missionas. He was the first great foreign missionary. He came from heaven to earth to save men. His blessing rests on every missionary church—every church that makes his cause their cause. Brethren of the ministry, let us begin our work this year with a new enlistment in the missionary cause and an active effort to bring our churches into such a new enlistment. It is the surest way to revive our own hearts and to revive the hearts of our people. Not all our people can go as missionaries. But all can "go or send." Therefore let us aim to increase in all the grace of giving to missions.

TEXTS AND THEMES. (50)
Zeal for Sinners: Psa, 67: 1-7.
Christ Among the Villages: Heb. 3: 13-19.
Inder Orders: Acts 11: 1-14.
The Spirit of a Missionary: Acts 10: 44-48.
Prayer for a City: Gen. 18: 23-33.
A City Wept Over: Luke 19: 41-44.
The Ideal City: Rev. 21: 1-14.
We Are Lights: Matt. 5: 13-16.

The Strong Help the Weak: Rom. 15:1-5. Giving Systematically: 1 Cor. 16:1-3. Jeans a Missionary: Matt. 4:12-17. Beautiful Messenger: Isa. 52:1-6. Debtor to the Unwise: Rom. 1:13-16. Home Missions at Heart: Rom. 9:1-9.

Neighborhood Missions: Mark 5:15-20. Village Endeavors: Mark 6:1-6.

Hold the Old Fleids: Matt. 10: 6 However full our hands may be with attending to the needs of other races within our borders, we cannot forget the needs of our own people. Old towns peopled with families of the best stock are many of them falling into bad ways; the churches are losing ground; and barbarism and heathenish living are creeping in. There must be strenuous effort not only to gain new ground, but to hold the old fields.

tail of the Isolated: Isa. 52:7. The message of the gospel is needed in the busy city and in all parts of our land. But the rush of trade and the many distractions and cares of daily life make people less ready to give heed. The call for help seems especially loud from those isolated mountain regions where opportunities are so few.

Missions for Freedmen. Psalm 116:18. The freed people furnish some of the best examples of that true spirit of consecration that is proved by service. Not only are those that have had advantages themselves using these for the benefit of others, but the cause of African missions has appealed strongly to some, who have devoted themselves to work for their brethren across the ocean.

Forsaken of God's Messengers: Jonah 1:3. We speak of places as God-forsaken. It would often be more true to say that they are forsaken by God's messengers. The very wickedness that cries out for the healing of the gospel tempts us to turn our backs and thee.

Our National Heritage: Isa. 55:1. One of the most preclous privileges that we have inherited as a nation is our religious liberty. The founders of our country valued it enough to make great sacrfices for it; we shall not be worthy of them unless we do our uthost to give the gospel invitation to all in our land.

The Home Mission School House: 2 Chron. 17:7. Few matters have a stronger claim upon the attention of statesmen and leaders among the people than the subject of true education. The highest patriotism centers about the schoolhouse far more than about army or navy.

It is to religious leaders and to men with strong religious purpose that the most of our educational institutions are due. They have rightly recognized that the church and the school belong side by side, and that each suf-

fers from lack of the other.

The school without the Bible never can do its best work. Whatever may be true of the ordinary public school, the Bible can find its rightful place in the mission school, which means an untold blessing to the nation.

Every class of people, every section of the land, needs the school. Whatever part is without it in a land like ours becomes a menace to the rest. The sections that cannot or will not provide for themselves are just the ones that are in greatest need. Only the mission schoolhouse can fully meet the need.

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THE GREATEST WORK IN THE WORLD.

Not long since I heard a man whose chief occupation is road building say that good roads are the greatest civilizing force in the world. A few days later I heard a school teacher make this claim for schools. At another time I heard a preacher say the same about churches. This reminds me that one's opinion of the greatest work in the world will depend on what he himself is doing. A farmer will be apt to think that farming is the greatest work in the world, while a physician will think it is the practice of medicine, and a lawyer the practice of law. This is natural; for it is hard for us to believe that there is anything more important than what we ourselves are doing.

But I want to say, and give some of the reasons for saying it, that mission work is the greatest work in the world.

I. The first reason I give is because of the number of persons who are engaged in it. On the foreign fields there are some eighteen thousand men and women who are now bearing the heat and burden of the day in mission work. Associated with these there are perhaps sixty thousand native helpers. Add to these the millions of church members at home, who by their contributions and prayers are supporting and encouraging the ones who are devoting their whole time to the work, and it will be seen that there are millions of people engaged in this work.

II. The next reason I give is the character of workers engaged in the active work of missions. They are men and women of strong constitutions; delicate and diseased persons

are not accepted. Those who cannot stand the physical examination, as in the case of applicants for admission into the army, are rejected.

Not only so, but they are usually men and women of college training. Many of them have stood at the head of their classes in the best colleges of the world. They are also men and women of refinement and culture—the peers of any class of people in the world.

III. Another reason why this is the greatest work in the world is because of the re-

sults that flow from it.

1. One of these is the important discoveries that missionaries have made. The discovery of the famous Rosetta stone, which gave the world the key to thousands of volumes of ancient hieroglyphics was made by a missionary. Nearly all that is known today about Central Africa is the result of missionary travels into the heart of that continent. They have been the pioneers in nearly all of the dark places of the earth.

They have also been the means of creating a greater market for many of the manufactured goods of civilized people. As soon as a heathen becomes a Christian he wants to live like a Christian. This means clothing for his body, a furnished home for his family and tools for his farm, all of which come from civilized people. Missionaries are drum-

mers for commerce.

3. Again, the missionary lifts woman from the low degraded position of a slave and places her where she belongs as queen of the home. In doing this the greatest service is done for the state as well as for the church. No people will rise above their ideals of womanhood.

4. Again, the missionary labors for the education of the children of the heathen, as no other class of people do. No doubt the great wave of popular education that is now sweeping over Japan and China is largely due to the work of her missionaries during the past one hundred years. Brazil owes her republican form of government more to the spirit of liberty that the missionaries have been teaching her citizens than to any other cause.

But above all these results that flow from missionary work there are tens of thousands of heathens brought to the knowledge of the plan of salvation every year through their efforts.

IV. Another thing that makes mission work the greatest work in the world, is that it is direct obedience in the highest sense to the last and greatest command of our great Captain. We feel that there is something about this dying command of our Lord that makes it more sacred and more binding than any of his other commands.

V. Still another thing that makes this the greatest work in the world is the rewards that are promised to those who are engaged

in it.

VI. If then this is the greatest work in the world can we all have a hand in it? We can. Two men are digging a well. One goes down into it and fills the buckets, while the other stays on top and draws the dirt out. Both are digging the well, one just as much as the other. Two men are engaged in mission work. One goes to Africa and teaches and preaches; the other stays at home and supports him with the money he makes. They are both doing mission work. One carries the light into heathen darkness; the other

holds the rope. Two women are engaged in mission work. One goes to China and moulds the characters of hundreds of children in a mission school; the other remains at home. She cannot hold the rope with her own hands, for they are paralyzed, but never a day comes that she does not carry her sister's work to the throne of grace in her prayers. They are both engaged in the greatest work of the world.—Rev. Edgar Tutts.

THAT AWFUL COPPERSMITH. (53)
Dr. Charles L. Goodell, of the Calvary
Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, startled his congregation recently by preaching a
sermon on the striking text: "Alexander, the
coppersmith, did me much evil." "I am able
to state with absolute accuracy," said the
preacher, "that there were 1,700 copper cents,
—pennies—in the collection last Sabbath.
This scheme of giving all the pennies to the
church is hardly fair—to the newsboys. You
gentlemen start down-town Monday with
nothing but dimes, quarters and bills in your
pockets. As a result the newsboys are forced
to lose time and expend profitless energy in
making change. It would be infinitely better
for all parties if you would save your pennies
for the boys and drop your silver in the collection." —Christian Endeavor World.

WHAT CHANGED THE OFFERING. (54)
"Every man according to his ability." A
pastor was taking a missionary collection recently when he said, "I want each of you to
give today as though you were putting your
money right into the pierced hand of Jesus
Christ." A lady came up afterward and said,
"I was going to give a half dollar, but I did
not do so." "Why did you not do it?" the
preacher asked. "Do you think I would put
a half dollar into his pierced hand? I have
ten dollars at home, and I am going to give
that." If we were putting our money into
the pierced hand of our Lord our contributions would amount to millions, and the
world would be evangelized in ten years.—
Rev. W. Thorburn Clark.

YOUR MISSIONARY OFFERING. (55
"Give as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door;
Give as you would if tomorrow
Found you where giving is o'er.
"Give as you would to the Master,
If you met his loving look;
Give as you would of your substance,

DROPPED IN A CENT. (56)
"Old Deacon Horner,
He sat in the corner,

If his hand the offering took."

As the contribution box passed by; Sweetly content He dropped in a cent,

And said, 'What a good churchman am I!'"

ACCORDING TO THE ABILITY. (57)
We too often lay stress upon the frequency
of the demands made upon us. saying with a
sigh, "The poor we have with us always."
But we look not sufficiently upon the rewards
of true generosity. "The liberal soul shall
be made fat."

The old riddle is true:

A man there was, though some did count him mad.

The more he cast away the more he had. But Gaius guessed it, saying: He who bestows his goods upon the poor.

Shall have as much again and ten times more.

—J. R. Stratton.

GRACE FOR THE POCKET.

(58) Many professing Christians seem to regard their pocket as being beyond the reach of the law, and only in a slight degree subject to the gospel. There is a story told of a man who was about to be immersed, who called the minister to stop until he could get his pocketbook, saying, "I wish to have my pocket-book baptized with me." A very small proportion of pocket-books in the church give evidence that they have been reached by the grace which their owners profess.

In a symmetrical Christian life, grace manifests itself in the pocket-book no less than in the head and in the heart. There is law for the pocket-book as well as for the mind and for the heart, and grace requires as real a homage from the purse as from the intellect and the affections of a redeemed soul.

One reason why so little "grace for the pocket" is obtained by many is because they do not ask for it, and many fail to perceive

the need of such grace.

A little boy, about six years of age, was taught by his father and mother that he owed the one-tenth of whatever he gained by his work or otherwise to God, learned to lay aside such portion with conscientious care. One day a friend gave him a silver dollar, and when he came to realize that ten cents of this was due to the Lord's purse, it was hard to set apart so much. That night his mother noticed that he intro-duced a new petition at the close of his usual prayer. It was this, "O Lord, make me unselfish and uncovetous."

He had realized the need of "grace for the pocket," and as he sought for it and contin-

ued to ask for it, he received it.

Is it not true that older Christians should begin to offer some such prayer as the little hoy uttered in the struggle which he realized with covetousness?

Has any one ever heard in church, or prayer meeting, or at a family altar, a prayer for deliverance from covetousness? perhaps, have heard such, but many will be surprised, no doubt, that they have not even been struck by noticing the omission of any such petition.

"Uncovetous" may not be found in the dictionary; but it is an expressive word, and, to the mind of the child who used it, it conveyed a world of meaning. If the church at large would offer this prayer and obtain the request sought, the world would wonder at the flow of grace into the pocket, and its reaction on the life.

It would mean a new day for missions the world over.

THE MISSIONARY MEASURE. (59)

Luke 6: 38.

The mother of Cyrus Hamlin, the noble missionary to Turkey, gave him, when he was a small boy, seven cents with which to celebrate muster day, buying ginger bread. buns, and other small boy delights. "Perhaps, Cyrus," she added, "as you go along you will put a cent or two into the missionary contribution box at Mrs. Farrer's."

On his way the boy and his conscience had a serious debate, "One—or two." At last he decided on two. Then his conscience obdecided on two. Then his conscience objected: "What! five cents for your stomach and two for the heathen?" So he said four cents for ginger bread and three for souls. That didn't seem quite right, either. He decided on three for ginger bread and four for souls. And when he came to the contribution box, in went all seven cents, to end the

That spirit made Cyrus Hamlin a missionary and give the world Robert College in Constantinople. That spirit made Paton and Chalmers and Livingstone and Moffat and all the star-crowned souls. Nay, it is the spirit of the cross.

Not that there is any evil in ginger bread or muster days. Not that we are not to enjoy ourselves. Not that all seven of our cents must always go to Mrs. Farrer's missionary box. But there is a just and wise proportion in all things, and rather than six cents for stomach and one cent for souls, as most have it. Cyrus Hamlin's decision is infinitely to be preferred. Indeed, because so many choose the ginger bread, the Cyrus Hamlins must go without it altogether, or Mrs. Farrer's box will remain deplorably empty.

What we need is to open our eyes to unseen realities. I have often wondered what result if the walls of our would be the churches could melt away to vapor as the deacons are passing the contribution boxes, and the box-handles could be seen to stretch out, over mountains and valleys and seas. till they reached the outstretched hands of the wretched in heathen countries—if the box could be visibly passed to us by the sad and ignorant and oppressed of China and India and Africa and all quarters of the globe. That is the reality, back of Deacon Brown and Deacon Greene. Yes, and back of those dusky petitioners stands One radiant as the sun, and he has laid his pierced hands upon the box handles, and he says that whatever we do for the least of those his brethren, we are doing for him.

In this vital matter, this disposal of our money (vital because money is crystallized life), let us not dare for a moment to forget the day of reckoning with the Lord of our talents, the Master of the vineyard. How glad we shall be, in that day, if we have been wise stewards of his possessions .- Amos

R. Wells.

THE GRACE OF GIVING. (60) Deut. 16:17. "Every man shall give as he

is able, according to the blessing of the Lord

thy God which he hath given thee."

1 Cor. 16:2. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

These texts teach:

That a part of every income should be given away.

"Every man." "Every one of you." There is no exception. The poor as well as the rich, the wife as well as the husband, children as well as parents—"every one" who has re-ceived any blessing from God, who has been prospered with a dime, a dollar or a million dollars, in the course of the year, is required to give something away. He alone is exempt who is absolutely without income.

II. That the part thus given away should

he proportioned to the income.

"As he is able, according to the blessings of the Lord;" "As God hath prespered him." It is the percentage, not the gross amount, that counts with the Lord. This is why the widow, who cast but two mites (less than half a cent) into the treasury gave more than all the rest. She gave 100 per cent of principal as well as of income.

The Jew was required to give a tenth of his income to the Lord. Many think the tithe

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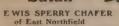
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still "holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27:30), and that withholding it from him is robbery (Mal. 3:8).

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whom the Lord loveth. (2 Cor. 9:7.)

IV. That the storing of this proportioned fund should be done as an act of divine wor-

ship.

Each text makes this thought prominent. "They shall not appear before the Lord in their sacred feasts) empty; every man shall give as he is able," etc. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you," etc. Why upon the Lord's day? Because it is the day of worship—our feast day, the day of calm communion with God, the day for reviewing his blessings upon us and considering our obligations to him. It is the day for prayer; and with our prayers our alms should go up

as a memorial before God. (Acts 10:4.)

Have these texts been misinterpreted in our brief sermon? If so, in what way? If rightly interpreted, it is your duty to give to the Lord a just and generous percentage of the prosperity with which he has blessed you. Nor is this the teaching of two isolated texts; it runs through the Scriptures from beginning to end. It is high time for all of

God's people to act upon it.

HIS TOUCHING STORY. So apt was the story told by Rev. Robert S. MacArthur, in the pulpit one Sabbath, that it resulted in one of the largest collections of the year, says the New York Press. He spoke in warm terms of the character of John Eliot, the missionary to the Indians, one of whose most lovable traits was an unbounded generosity.

"Out of his salary of fifty pounds a year he gave large sums to charity," said Dr. MacArthur. "On one occasion the secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, when paying Eliot his quarterly sti-pend, sought to do him a service. He hit upon a plan of safeguarding the missionary's money, knowing that in all likelihood Eliot otherwise would give away every penny of it before he reached home." (Here Dr. Mac-Arthur stepped forward to the side of the pulpit and drew out his pocket handkerchief.) "The wily secretary took Ellot's handkerchief and tied up some of the money this way in one corner, and some so in another, and so on with the four corners, and firm, hard knots he made of them before handing the handkerchief over to its owner.

"It chanced that Ellot on his way home fell in with a worthy woman whose appear-

ance told of dire poverty and distress. He stopped to speak to her, and pretty soon, his heart being touched, pulled out the handkerchief rolled up into a ball-the mission-handkerchief. He intended to give a sovereign to her. For some time he tugged and strained at the knots; but try as he might the corners refused to come untled, then caimly rolling the handkerchief up into a ball, the missionary placed it in the astonished woman's hands, saying, "My good woman, I think the Lord meant you to have it all."

"The ushers," Dr. MacArthur added, "now will pass the basket for collection, and you can imitate John Eliot's example-if you are so minded."

And the congregation dug deep .- Philadelphia Ledger.

YOUR MISSIONARY INVESTMENT.

This incident has just been sent us in a slip. It contains an admirable lesson for us all:

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25: 40. An European gentleman writes to the editor of a newspaper as follows: "Baron James de Rothschild once sat for a beggar to Ary Scheffer. While the great financier, attired in the rags of a beggar, was in his place in the estrade, I happened to enter the studio of the great artist, whose friend I had the honor to be. The baron was so perfectly disguised that I did not recognize him, and believing that a veritable beggar was before me, I went up to him and slipped a louis into his hand. pretended model took the coin and put it in his pocket. Ten years later I received at my residence an order on the office in the Rue Lafitte for 10,000 francs, inclosed in the following letter: 'Sir—You one day gave a louis to the Baron Rothschild in the studio of Ary Scheffer. He has employed it, and today sends you the little capital with which you intrusted him, together with the interest. A good action always brings good fortune. Baron James de Rothschild.' On receipt of this order, I sought the billionaire, who proved to me from the books before him that under his management my louis had actually fructified so as to have swelled to the large sum sent me."

So Christ is walking through the world in the guise of a beggar-hungry, naked and outcast. Blessed are we if we give to the Master in the person of these his poor brethren, or for taking the gospel to those who have it not.

YOU'R MISSIONARY GIVING.

Give! as the morning that flows out of heaven;

Give! as the waves when their channel is riven:

Give! as the free air and sunshine are given; Lavishly, utterly, joyfully, give.

-Rose Terry Cooke.

GIVING IS LIVING. "Give, give, be atways giving, Who gives not is not living; The more we give The more we live."

The hardest thing in the world is to make people think.

Adolescence is not only a period of peril, but a period of opportunity. There is no opportunity without peril.—E. S. Lewis. There is no

TREASURE IN HEAVEN. (65) Every coin of earthly treasure We have lavished upon earth For our simple worldly pleasure, May be reckoned something worth; For the spending was not losing,

Though the purchase were but small: has perished with the using; We have had it-that is all!

All the gold we leave behind us, When we turn to dust again; Though our avarice may blind us, We have gathered quite in vain; Since we neither can direct it, By the winds of fortune tossed, Nor in other worlds expect it;

What we hoarded we have lost. But each merciful oblation— Seed of pity wisely sown, What we gave in self-negation, We may safely call our own; For the treasure freely given, Is the treasure that we hoard: Since the angels keep in heaven What is lent unto the Lord.

-John G. Saxe. YOUR MISSIONARY LEDGER.

Christ's church no longer needs to pray for open doors of opportunity. All nations receive our missionaries gladly, and pray for more of them.

The church no longer needs to pray for men for these harvest fields. The men are waiting, trained and eager, asking to be

sent. What does the church need to pray for? The spirit of liberal giving! If purses had opened as the doors of opportunity opened; if money were ready as men are ready, the world would have been won to Christ a generation ago!

Great gifts are not needed, but great willingness. Missions are not so much prospered by a thousand dollars from one man as by a dollar each from a thousand men. Our nation is not supported by the taxes of the rich, but by the taxes of the moderately well off. It is they that should push forward the kingdom of God.

The first step is for every Christian to pray over this matter. The second step is for every Christian to keep an account of his income, and of what goes from that income to the Lord's work. The third step is for every Christian to adjust the two in such wise that he will not be ashamed in the great day of accounts. Is your ledger ready for that searching time?-Rev. Amos R. Wells.

A MISSIONARY MEASURING ROD. (67) Let us measure our duty in giving. What shall be the measuring rod?

1. Capacity: "She hath done what she

could."

Opportunity: "As ye have opportunity, do good unto all men."

3. Convictions: "That servant which knew his Lord's will and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes."

4. The necessity of others: "If a brother or a sister be naked, or destitute of daily food," etc.
5. The providence of God: "Let every man

- lay by him in store as God has prospered
- 6. Symmetry of character: "Abound in this grace also." 7. Our own happiness: "It is more blessed
- to give than to receive."

 8. God's glory: "Honor the Lord with your substance."—Selected.

BEING SMALL AND FEELING SMALL (68)

This was one of Dr. Mutchmore's stories told in his sermon at the Pittsburgh Assembly: "A prosperous member of a church in Scotland was often besought by his pastor to give to the work of evangelizing the poor in Glasgow, but would always reply: 'Na, I need it for mysel'.' One night he dreamed that he was at the gate of heaven, which was only a few inches ajar. He tried to get in, but could not, and was in agony at his poor prospect. The face of his minister appeared, who said: 'Sandy, why stand ye glowering there? Why don't ye gae in?' 'I can't; I am too large and my pocketbook sticks out whichever way I turn.' 'Sandy, think how mean ye have been to the Lord's poor and ye will be small enough to go through the eye of a needle.' He awoke and began to reduce both his pocketbook and his carnality by giving to Christ's cause. The best spiritual 'banting system' for plethora of soul and body is reduction of carnality of life."

the archives of one of our mission boards that story has its counterpart. Which is the original we cannot say. A member of a church who was in arrears for his missionary subscription was caught in a storm near some woods in the wild west. The only shelter he could discover was the hollow trunk of a tree lying on the ground. Into this he crawled thankfully. When the storm had subsided, however, the log seemed to have contracted and he found it impossible to crawl out again. Starvation or suffocation and death appeared inevitable, when suddenly remembering the arears on his subscription he felt so small that he had no difficulty in getting out of his prison. He renews his subscription with regularity and promptness now. Another application of this story is that the man only put a dollar in the missionary collection the Sunday before and the remembrance of it made him feel so small he easily crawled out of the hollow tree.

GIVING TO MISSIONS. Phil. 4: 4-18.

The liberality of the Philippians is com-mended in this epistle of Paul's: "In the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only." They had recognized the call of missions and had responded, which was well pleasing to God; but this was different from present missions in that it was getting money on the frontier for the mother churches.

There are those who seek to hide behind home missions when approached with the cause of foreign missions, while others reverse the order and express a preference for foreign work if asked to assist in the home field. If taken at their word and asked to assist in the work of their choice, they twist and squirm until they have wormed their way clear of it all. They remind us of the man who preferred to give his money to home missions. When asked to do so, he was willing to give it to his home church, but to none other. The pastor sure of assistance, went to him for aid on church finances, but by this time the graveyard needed attention and he felt he must place his money there. Then the trustees of the cemetery went to him, but he had an excuse for them and so on down the line, his main object being to keep his money himself and part with none of it.

The needs of our mission fields are great, and the Christian who refuses to recognize the call is not fulfilling Christ's command. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."-

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ARE PEOPLE TOO POOR TO GIVE? (70) Pierpont Morgan's gift of a \$15,000 electric plant to St. Paul's Cathedral, London, reminded a Cleveland man that Willard E. Winner, a Kansas promoter, used the same tactics, fifteen years ago, at a rich but stingy little place up in Vermont. Winner had a lot of real estate mortgages and debenture bonds to sell for his company. He knew the village was rich. He landed in the city Saturday and met a few financiers, but didn't talk business. Sunday he attended church. A debt of \$200 had been hanging over the church for years. The minister stated the case, urged liberal giving, and told of the greater usefulness of the church if the debt were lifted. "Would anybody give?" he asked.

A painful pause followed. Winner waited until it was certain no one else had anything to say. Then he arose and asked the amount

of the debt.

"Eight hundred dollars," replied the min-

"I will give you my check for that amount," said Winner, as he sat down.

The minister The audience was amazed. gave most of the closing prayer to Winner, and the people all met him before he got away from the church. During the week the mortgage was burned, and a great praise service was held. Winner was the lion of the hour. During his stay there he sold over \$300,000 worth of securities to the very people who couldn't pay an \$800 debt.

FEEDING THE CAT.

A poor woman had a cat of which she was very fond. She fed it with all the dainties that she could procure. Her next-door neighbor's pet was a canary bird. When the bird bor's pet was a canary bird. When the bird sang sweetly in its cage the cat would look at it with longing eyes. "Oh," said the woman, "how I wish that I was rich." "Why so?" asked her visitor. The reply was: "If had plenty of money, I would buy Tommy all the canaries that he could eat." There are a good many people whose ideas of the way of money are no better than hers. And use of money are no better than hers. And some of our millionaires might as well buy canaries for their cats as squander their wealth in the ways that they do. Just compare feeding canaries to cats, as a motive, with the spread of Christ's kingdom through the offering of our gifts to missions.

A LESSON IN GIVING.

A good story is told by a Methodist minister. He says that in one of his charges a good man regularly gave every Sabbath five dollars for the support of the church. A poor widow was also a member of the same church, who supported herself and six children by washing. She was as regular as the rich man in making her offering of five cents per week, which was all she could spare from her scant earnings. One day the rich man came to the minister and said the poor woman ought not to pay anything, and that he could pay the five cents for her every week. The pastor called to tell her of the offer, which he did in a considerate manner. Tears came to the woman's eyes as she re-"Do you want to take from me the comfort I experience in giving to the Lord? Think how much I owe to him. My health is good, my children keep well, and I receive so many blessings that I feel I could not live if I did not make my little offering to Jesus each week."

PRESENT-DAY APOSTOLIC GIVING. (73) There is a recent incident in connection With the Church Missionary Society's work in

South India that illustrates the benevolent Jerusalem congregation. The Tinnevelli mission of the Church Missionary Society was founded in 1816, and has had a remarkable growth. In the development of church life and organization, self-support and independence, this congregation has scarcely been equalled in all India. The contributions of the Tinnevelli Christians have increased eighty per cent in the last twenty years. In the last two years this church has subscribed eight hundred dollars a year to support two missionaries of its own number and seven Talugu evangelists under their supervision. But most remarkable of all, in 1905, these Tinnevelli Christians collected and sent two thousand, five hundred dollars to London.

Prison Sunday

The last Sunday of October is set apart as Prison Sunday. It is a day for the consideration of the relation of Christian people to the reformation of criminals. It is urged that so far as possible ministers in their sermons make special reference on the day to "our brothers in bonds." Is your church near a prison or jail? Can you not arrange with your young people's society, or perhaps better, with some of your older members, to aid you with a service there a Sunday afternoon? May be you can make appointments for regular services in a prison or jail at stated intervals.

TEXTS AND THEMES.

Prison Reform: "I was in prison and ye came unto me." Matt. 25: 36. Grinding in the Prison-House: Judges 16: 21.

The Sighing of the Prisoner: Ps. 79:11. To Hear the Groaning of the Prisoner: Ps.

Loosing the Prisoners: "The Lord looseth the prisoners." Ps. 146: 7, Wrongful Arrests:, Proportion of, and

Support of Dependents of Criminals.

Crime-Producing Conditions and Remedies. The Effect of Imprisonment-mental, moral,

Progressively Increasing Sentences . for habitual offenders. Inequality of sentences.

Legal and Judicial Rehabilitation: Whether it should be possible in certain cases to efface the record of the conviction after a certain amount of time has elapsed.

Compulsion of Delinquent Parents: is most feasible legal method, capable of compelling delinquent parents, whether by penal or chancery methods, to fulfill their duties to their children who are or tend to become juvenile offenders?

Juvenile Offenders' Mentors: What is the best means of organizing the assistance of reputable business men in large cities to act as mentors for juvenile offenders?

Forcible Emancipation: What is the most feasible legal method, capable of uniform enactment in different states, of compulsorily taking from delinquent parents the custody of a child for the purpose of placing it in a charitable institution or under private adoption?

Organization of a National and Local Society: Whether a society can be formed with local branches or affiliations in each state and metropolis for the purpose of advancing the study of criminology by (1) the collec-tion of statistics, (2) the creation of active interest among lawyers and judges, and (3) the practical realization of accepted reforms.

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Consolidation of Enactments: Whether all penal acts should be consolidated as a part of a single penal code, so that the penal prohibitions can be found in a single consecu-

tive act.

Degrees in Crime: How the present system of "degrees" in the definition of crime can be with scientific so recast as to harmonize methods of penal treatment.

Support of the Offender's Family: Resolved, that the imprisonment and fines system be so adjusted as to avoid depriving the offender's family of support while securing a punitive effect.

Indeterminate Sentences: Whether all sentences should be made indeterminate.

Periodic Revision of Sentence: Whether all sentences should be revised periodically.

How the Ex-Convict Makes Good.

The after care of friendless and homeless crinimals, and especially those coming from reformatory institutions.

How best to employ prisoners either in workhouses, penitentiaries or state prisons.

The Problem of Increasing the Usefulness of the Jury System: (a) by the introduction of new rules in regard to the examinations of jurors so as to facilitate the selection of juries and thus insure more speedy trials; (b) by abolishing the unanimity requirements for (c) by giving the judge a more commanding position in the conduct of the trial; (d) by restricting the jury to the determination of the facts alone; (e) by improving the conditions of jury service and thereby lessening the temptation of good men to avoid jury duty.

The Alien in Relation to the Administration of the Criminal Law: (1) Interpreters-Their organization, supervision, efficiency, etc., since in many instances protection of the state and justice to the alien wholly depend (2) Crimes Committed by Aliens-Showing the proportion of serious crimes and the proportion of violations of ordinances and mere regulations, which latter are due to ignorance and not to criminal intent. This includes an analysis of the various laws and

their administration, and takes into consideration the absence of any instruction in our laws for the newly arrived alien. (3) Probation for Adult Aliens-By those who speak their language and are familiar with their customs, traditions, etc., in what cases it is advisable. (4) Labor Camp Conditions—Showing the lack of any Americanizing influence and remoteness from courts or any judicial authority. (5) Forced Plea; Assignment of Counsel; the Cost of Appeal, and Their Relation to Criminal Statutes. Separate Courts for Aliens.

THE PROBATION SYSTEM. "He who influences two men to be upright, where there has been but one, is the world's great benefactor."

The law of economy is obtaining great rce. In large manufacturing establishforce. ments the little decides the all-important questions of profit and loss. I heard a question to a physician, "What is conservative surgery?" The answer was, "Saving all of hand, foot or limb that is consistent with the health of the body."

What is a human being worth, be he upright or criminal? Can we afford to make needless waste of humanity? Christ estimated the soul of more value than "all the world." The worst possible result of punishment is to have a man or woman entirely made over to wickedness. It is not only loss, but loss plus ruin. The present spirit of philanthropists is too noble for this.

young man who had fallen into drinking habit was guilty of an assault. he was arrested he awoke to the magnitude of his cruelty and crime. He was not hopelessly hardened. He expressed a strong desire to live peaceably and uprightly. The probation officer was satisfied that there was large hope in his case, and probation was granted. He was guilty of no more dissipation or fighting. The bitter experience of the past was sufficient. Being well qualified as a machinist he easily found employment and was promoted many times until he had a position of commanding influence and power.

Let us emphasize the argument of human Who can portray the unspeakable loss if he had been sent to prison, only to be discouraged, hardened and ruined, as Chief Justice Aiken says is so often the case. young man saved is one more on the side of virtue. If large manufacturing establishments practice strict economy in material things how much more important that we do this in the moral interests of humanity .-Rev. Frank B. Sleeper.

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FILIAL DUTIES.

"Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."-Exodus 20:12. I. The honor that is due to parents.

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DIVINE RELATIONSHIP.

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THE MORAL FORCE OF GOD'S ELECT.

"All my delight is in the saints that are in the earth," etc.-Ps. 16:3.

1. The history of mankind, secular or religious, is the history of a few individuals.

Idiosyncrasy and responsibility are inalienable, yet the genius of the few affects the movement of the many, as gravitation does the tides.

The many have their influence. The spirit the age affects the individual, and is

shaped by him in turn.

2. A sadder fact is moral gravitation downwards; the majority, through habit and influence, passion, temptation, are evil.
3. God is constantly redeeming by means

of his saints.

The history of mankind corresponds with that of Israel in Judges.

Deliverance is always wrought by individuals, magnetic with knowledge or nobleness.

4. This is true in secular advance, poetry,

philosophy, art, bearing witness.

5. All these would only lead to more refined decay without the influence of the saints. So, despising this, Greece, imperial Rome, anl mediaeval Italy sank into degrada-The hope of England and of the world

depends on hearing and obeying God's messengers.

6. Universal history in the Bible-flowing from Adam, Noah, Abraham. Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Isaiah, etc.—and subsequent records of separation, protest, reformation, by the Antonies, Benedicts, Luthers, tell of the religious forces which have swept over the normal stagnation of mankind.

7. Note the lessons of history: (a) The secret of moral power is faith showing itself

by self-sacrifice.

(b) The work even of saints constantly fails in the hands of their successors.

(c) Yet the apparent failures are never absolute. The world is better for all moral effort, and the reward is assured .- Dean

MAN'S TRUE MEASURE IN GOD.

"The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance," etc .- Ps. 16: 5, 6.

Here is evident allusion to Num. 17: 20,

All Christians are priests; every Christian heart turns from earthly things to God.

One metaphor runs through the verses. "Lot." "pleasant places." "goodly heritage," all refer to God; but he who is the inheritance also "maintains" it, thus making greatest also surest.

1. All true religion has its heart in deliberately choosing God as supreme good.

Possession even of material things varies. The man who only draws rents from a mountain side gets less from it than poet or painter.

The possession of persons far more depends upon understanding, sympathy, love. Such

ownership must be reciprocal.

Possession of God is only possible, as in Levitical law, through a deliberate act of re-nunciation. There can not be two pole stars.

This involves an intelligent conviction that God is best, and always worthy of any sacri-

"Thou maintainest," etc. The land was given to Israel under the sanction af a supernatural defence, effective while they trusted and served the unseen King. He who chooses God will have his portion maintained by God.

The psalm which expresses this confidence is one of the clearest on immortality. The faith that grasps God is that which conquers

the darkness of death.

The same connection appears in the seventy-third Psalm, both telling death cannot touch the believer's heritage. 3. He whose treasure and delight are in

God is satisfied. "The heritage is goodly to me." No worldly

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man can say this. Empty golden cups cannot quench thirst. Only God can fill a human heart .- A. Mac-

THE MAN OF THE BIBLE.

"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."-Ps. 17:15.

The psalmists and apostles spoke of themselves when thus they could best show

contrast with the wicked or worldly, who live for appetite and material things, the believer declares that he believes and hopes in God. There is nothing of Pharisaism in the humble confession of spiritual consciousness and object of life.

2. Religious consciousness culminates in

persuasion respecting a future life.

3. The law was not a new religion, but a national code for a people already in covenant with God through patience and faith.

4. The believer here expects a waking up.

Without carrying back Christian explanations, we see the hope of resurrection in Jewish believers, as Martha.

5. He anticipates satisfaction, which must be reserved for those who are capable of communion with God, and conformity to his

likeness.

6. All this the man expects through righteousness. That is Bible teaching throughout, grace showing the way and providing the

7. Giving God and creaturely intelligence, such worship, choice, hope, are reasonable. Without revelation such hope is justified by nature, which wastes nothing, therefore not mind; does not deceive, therefore universal instinct is right.

Hopes and aspirations correspond with em-

bryo wings in the egg.
8. The suddenness of rising fitly illustrates the action of the supernatural needed by the unnatural condition caused by sin.

9. The likeness of God is the harmony de-

monstrably necessary to perfect happiness; righteousness, the character and practice through which it is attained.

10. The world's accusations of inconsistency recognize the ideal; be it ours to realize it.-Thomas Binney, D. D.

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Choosing One's Thoughts

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Text: "Think on these things." Phil. 4:8. Paul showed himself alive to the modern doctrines of auto-suggestion when he counselled his Philippian friends to "think on these things." "Thought," says Socrates, "is the soul's conversation with itself." "The mind," said Cromwell, "is the man." And the author of so much ancient wisdom said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." In the shaping of character much more important than what a man has or wears, is what he is saying to himself as he works, as he plans, as he plays.

- I. Where do our thoughts come from? Is the old dictum true that the brain secretes thought as the liver secretes bile? (Or are our thoughts born only of experience, every thought a reflection of what one is, or has been, or has seen? Or do our thoughts rise out of that wonderful hive of hidden industry which modern psychology is opening to us, the subliminal mind? Such questions carry us quickly into the unexplored regions of human ignorance. But there are one or two things which may be said with confidence. One is that it is ever easier to think again a thought once received into the mind. "If an intellectual process runs through our brain once," says Henry Drummond, "it leaves comparatively no effect; but say it over a hundred times, and a footpath is worn through the brain; the one hundred and first time will be easy; say it a thousand times, and lo, through all the cellular structure of the brain there is laid forever a thoroughfare upon this one intellectual idea, and temptations and sins march to and fro in endless processions along the beaten track."
- 1. And so there are no unimportant thoughts. Every thought is a friend or foe; every thought a stone in the citadel of character rising stone by stone within.
- 2. A second fact confirmed by experience is that thoughts multiply like weeds. Cherish today a thought of evil, tomorrow it is strongly entrenched with a thousand kindred thoughts sprung to its defense; cherish resolutely a thought of good, and every day new allies spring to its service.
- 3. But the most important of all truths about the source of thought is that which is receiving all sorts of emphasis in our time, that a healthy-minded man can choose his thoughts. Evidently Paul had no doubt about it. To him a religion which did not bring a man poise and peace through the abiding sense of the ever-present, ever-healing, ever-renew-

ing Spirit of God failed at the vital point. But how is this choice and control of thought to be effected?

II. By implication Paul suggests a method of exclusion. "Think on these things," implies, "don't think on these other things." The truth is that there is a whole host of thoughts which have no place in the cultured, not to say the Christian mind. One of the first duties of a strong life is the economy of thought. An old record says that Queen Elizabeth died of thought; thousands of people are pitifully limiting their achievement, thousands going to unlighted graves, because of mental waste. Herbert Spencer used to say that if one wished for a rough gauge of a man's intelligence, it could not be found in a better way than by observing the proportion which personalities bore to generalities in his conversation. "During twenty years of intercourse," one writes of him, "I can hardly remember hearing him speak of an individual except for some practical purpose, or to illustrate some general principle." Of course, Spencer overworked his theory; one would hate to have people think of him only as an illustration of a principle; but he was on the track of much mental waste. To think of others sympathetically, constructively, such thought is creative and Christlike, of this we cannot have too much; but to think and speak of others critically, cynically, enviously is mental waste of a particularly vulgar and pernicious kind. Similarly harmful is all thought about disagreeable things which is not clearly linked to action, all morbid brooding over things which cannot be helped, over one's past blunders, or limitations, or real or fancied wrongs toward God or man, all dread anticipation, all sensitive self-depreciation, all doubt that is not the utterance of a cry for faith. Habitually to think about unpleasant things, to make one's rule, "Whatsoever things are petty, false, critical and depressing, if there be any little human weaknesses, if there be any morsel of toothsome scandal, to think on these things is to pick a living for the mind in the ash-heap of God's universe when we are summoned to live in the glories of the mountain-

"Hushed be every thought that springs From out the bitterness of things."

III. But the method of exclusion will accomplish little of itself. Into the chamber swept and garnished of useless thoughts will soon come seven other devils worse than they, except there be also the method of inclusion; the supreme need of our minds is "the expulsive power of a new affection." What summer garden of beauty it is into which Paul ushers us, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, (Continued page 78.)

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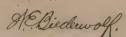
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whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things." The higher will dispel the lower, and the world will be transformed.

A young man suffering from nervous trouble was told by an eminent specialist recently to get out into the country, take a fieldglass with him, and study the habits of the birds. It was the very counsel which Jesus gave to the troubled men of long ago, "Be-hold the fowls of the air." Keep the mind busy with the bright and beautiful things of

life, and the others will take their right place.

IV. This, it is to be noted, is not Paul's last word on the subject. I can fancy him as he writes, recalling one night and another Athens and Ephesus and Corinth, when, firmly resolved to keep his mind trustful and hopeful, and helpful, he was sorely tempted to yield to despair; tempted to dwell on the faithlessness of friends—"Demas hath forsaken me," on the apparent failure of his work as from city to city he was driven—"All seek their own;" tempted perhaps to wonder whether the Master to whom he had pledged his life had not forsaken him, too. As he recalls these days he knows well what more to write. In the very next verse he says, "These things do." In the friction of toil Paul forgot his heartache, in the effort of today the bitter disappointment of yesterday, in the activities of service even the sting of his thorn. How often the thing that, thought of, seemed impossible, attempted, is quickly and gloriously done. To keep the life full of earnest and unselfish work is to banish from the mind many a thought that is not on Paul's

Even this is not enough. Paul knows that the renewing of his mind is not his own achievement. That way lies failure.

"I can do all things," he cries, "through Him that strengtheneth me," and elsewhere he gives his great prescription for Christian sanity, "Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." Catch every thought as with a spear, is his word, take it to Christ, and see how it fits with his thought and his work. The secret of all true culture of the mind is to be so much with our Master in the secret places of the soul that ever more fully the mind of Christ becomes ours.

Agnosticism

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Text: "As I passed by and beheld your uevotions, I found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom, therefore, ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." Acts. 17:23.

A few years ago Mr. Huxley was asked to be thought of God and the soul. He re-

plied that he was an agnostic. To the unbelieving world it was a happy idea. atheists had been whipped; the infidels were defeated, and they were all glad to rally around the standard of ignorance, made rather scientific and popular by such a father as Hux-

Agnosticism teaches that only phenomena can be known; we may know only what appears. God and the soul do not appear, and therefore we cannot know them. The agnostic neither affirms nor denies. "For all I know," he says, "there may be a God or a soul; I simply do not know." Herbert Spencer does not go quite so far. He declares that we may know there is a God, though we cannot know God.

I. Agnosticism is unscientific. It is unscientific for a man to say I cannot know. He should say in the present state of my knowledge, I do not know. It is more un-scientific for a man to say, "No man can know what I do not know."

One hundred years ago it was scientific to say, I do not know how the Atlantic ocean can be crossed in six days, but for a scientist then to have said No one can ever know how the Atlantic ocean can be crossed in six days would have been absurdly unscientific. Fifty years ago it would have been scientific enough for a man to say, I do not know how I can talk with my friend, he is in Philadelphia and I in New York, and we recognize each others' voices. But for him to have said, No one can ever know how he can talk with his friend thus, would have been very unscientific.

For a man to say I do not know God, may be scientific enough, for he may tell the truth, but for him to say I cannot know God, contradicts even the theory of evolution, which assumes that in the development of things and men we may come to larger capacities by and by. But for him to say, no man can ever know God, is absurdly unscientific.

And for a man to say that the unseen cannot be known is to contradict some of the fundamental principles of science. The law fundamental principles of science. The law of gravitation no one has ever seen. It is not a phenomena, and yet scientists talk as if they knew that such a law existed. Ether, through which light travels in space, has never been seen, and yet scientists believe in its existence. No man has ever yet seen an atom and scientists know that such a thing exists. Why do they accept these unseen things? Because, for example, they tell us the law of gravitation gives a good working hypothesis. Admit a God of omnipotence and omniscience and you can explain satisfactorily all the workings of na-And there is no other hypothesis upon which we can work, because after we have traced back, back, back, we come to a point where we must have a God, or we are in darkness. Spontaneous generation, is a thing unknown. The author of life is God.

And for man to say that he does not know his own soul is unscientific. Even Mr. Spencer in some of his works contradicts the theory by writing in a learned way upon psychological subjects. And, as Prof. Momorie clearly proves, the very words we use imply a soul. Thought implies a thinker; feeling is sometimes felt, but it could not exist without one icels. Impression cannot exist without something to be impressed, and we all know that we can think of ourselves, examine mind and heart and will, that the subject becomes the object in our moments of meditation. Every man is conscious of his own personality, that

he has a mind and feeling. Indeed, the sou is more consciously real and permanent than

the body.

II. Agnosticism is irrational. Reason deals with facts, and reason demands that certain facts shall account for other facts. A great result must have a great cause, and a great cause will produce a great result. Now, here are facts in nature. What does reason demand shall be deduced from these facts? Paul tells us in Romans 1: 20. "The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and God-head, so that they are without excuse.

In other words God is made known by his visible works. So clearly understood, indeed, that the heathen themselves are without excuse, if they do not see in nature the evidence

of divinity.

As one walks through the gorge a mile or two below Niagara Falls, he sees a great result. Something has cut that gorge through solid rock 200 feet deep and 500 feet wide. He sees on his right a little stream trickling down the side. Did that little stream cut so deep a gorge? Such a cause could not produce so great a result. His reason compels him to infer from this result a cause sufficient to produce it. This gorge could be cut only by Ni-

Now as we walk through this world, of which Niagara Falls is but an insignificant part, looking at the stars which declare God's glory, the adaptation of the eye to the light, and all the parts of nature, one to the other, we behold a result which can be accounted for, not by a little trickling stream, but by the great Niagara cause somewhere. Protoplasm does not account for it. Behind this great result my reason compels me to believe is a cause as great. Call it the Unknowable, call it God, the cause is there, and to say with the facts before me I cannot know that such a cause exists, is extremely irrational.

III. Agnosticism is unhistoric, Newton declared to the world the law of gravitation and proved it. Other mathematicians have grasped his idea and proof, and his law is universally accepted. Now, suppose a man should say: No man can ever know the law of gravitation. He would be unhistoric, for the law has been known by Sir Isaac Newton, and other mathematicians competent to grasp it.

And I assert that men have known God. I appeal not to Moses and David and Isaiah and Ezekiel and Paul, who had large knowledge of God, but to men like Sir Isaac Newton himself, who declared that he knew God as well as the laws of gravitation. Soldiers like Havelock, writers like Scott and Shakespeare, statesmen like Gladstone, McKinley and Lincoln have all declared that they knew God.

To assert that no man can know God is to prove yourself not only unscientific and irrational, but unhistoric. You deny facts which have been proven. You contradict witnesses that are trustworthy. If you say, I do not know God, you may speak the truth, for there have been men who knew him not, and there are many today who know him not, but when you say that no man can know God, you make

a mistake which contradicts history.

IV. Agnosticism is suicidal. When we persistently refuse to use any faculty of mind or organ of body, it withers and dies by a process known in science as atrophy. Darwin, when a young man, delighted in music and poetry, but after he had spent twenty-five years looking through the microscope, studying the habits of worms and other things, he declared that Shakespeare to him was a bore, and he had no delight in music and art.

Darwin committed artistic and poetic suicide. He allowed parts of his nature which appreciated music and art to die, and when men like Huxley and Spencer and others say that they know not God and cannot know him, we are half inclined to believe them. They have refused to know him until the very faculty of knowing God may have died of atrophy. lamp itself, unfilled and unlighted, has been

broken.

"Whosoever hath to him shall be given, and whosoever hath not from him shall be taken even that he hath." Disuse of a talent causes us to lose it; use develops it. Sad, sad fact that men may shut their eyes to the light until they lose their sight. The fish in Mammoth Cave have no eyes. They have only sightless sockets. The disuse of the eye has been its destruction. And if a man refuses to know God and persists in that refusal, he may come to a point when he may say with truth, I can-not know God. "There is a sin unto death."

The God-Planned Life

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"Created unto Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them."-Eph. 2:10.

"Created in Christ Jesus." That means every child of God is a new creation in Christ Jesus. "Unto good works." And that means every such child of God is created anew in Christ Jesus for a life of service. "Which God hath before ordained." That means God has laid the plan for this life of service in Christ Jesus, ages before we came into existence. "That we should walk in them." "Walk" is a practical word. And that means God's great purpose of service for the lives of his children is not a mere fancy, but a practical reality, to be known and lived out in our present work-a-day life.

I. Therefore, all through this great text runs the one supreme thought that God has a plan for every life in Christ Jesus. What a wondrous truth is this! And yet how reasonable a one. Shall the architect draw the plans for his stately palace? Shall the artist sketch the outlines of his masterpiece? Shall the ship-builder lay down the lines for his colossal ship? And yet shall God have no plan for the immortal soul which He brings into being and puts "in Christ Jesus?" Surely He has. Yea, for every cloud that floats across the summer sky; for every blade of grass that points its tiny spear heavenward; for every dew-drop that gleams in the morning sun; for every beam of light that shoots across the limitless space from sun to earth, God has a purpose and plan. How much more, then, for you who are his own, in Christ Jesus, does God have a

perfect, before-prepared life-plan,

II. And not only so, but God has a blan for your life which no other man can fulfil. "In all the ages of the ages there never has been, and never will be, a man or woman just like me. I am unique. I have no double. That is true. No two leaves, no two jewels, no two stars, no two lives-alike. Every life is a fresh thought from God to the world. There is no man in all the world who can do your work as well as you. And if you do not find, and enter into God's purpose for your life there will be something missing from the glory that would otherwise have been there. Every jewel gleams with its own radiance. Every flower distils its own fragrance. Every Christian has his own particular bit of Christ's radiance and Christ's fragrance which God would pass through him to others. Has God given you a particular personality? He has also created a particular circle of individuals who can be reached and touched by that personality as by none other in the wide world. And then He shapes and orders your life so as to bring you into contact with that very circle,

III. One may miss God's calling by "choosing" his own calling. Every day men talk of "choosing" a calling. But is not the phrase a sheer misnomer? For how can a man "choose" a calling? If a man is called he does not choose. It is the one who calls who does the choosing. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you that ye should go and bear fruit," says our Lord. Men act as though God threw down before them an assortment of plans from which they might choose what pleases them, even as a shopkeeper tosses out a dozen skeins of silk to a lady buyer, from which she might select that which strikes her fancy. But it is not true. It is God's to choose. It is ours simply to ascertain and obey. For next in its eternal moment to the salvation of the soul is the guidance of the life of a child of God. And God claims both as his supreme prerogative. The man who trusts God with one, but wrests from him the other, is making a fatal mistake. we were taught this ere our unskilled hand

had time to mar the plan!

IV. Every child of God may find, and enter into God's plan for his life. You remember the story of the engineer of the Brooklyn bridge. During its building he was injured. For many long months he was shut up in his room. His gifted wife shared his toils, and carried his plans to the workmen. At last the great bridge was completed. the invalid architect asked to see it. put him upon a cot and carried him to the bridge. They placed him where he could see the magnificent structure in all its beauty. There he lay, in his helplessness, intently scanning the work of his genius. He marked the great cables, the massive piers, the mighty anchorages which fettered it to the earth. His critical eye ran over every beam, every girder, every chord, every rod. He noted every detail carried out as he had dreamed it in his dreams, and wrought it out in his plans and specifications. And then as the joy of achievement filled his soul, as he saw and realized that it was finished exactly as he had designed it, in an ecstacy of delight he cried out: "It's just like the plan; it's just like the plan!"

Some day we shall stand in the glory and looking up into His face, cry out: "O God, I thank Thee that Thou didst turn me aside from my willful and perverse way to Thy loving and perfect one. I thank Thee that Thou didst ever lead me to yield my humble life to Thee. I thank Thee that as I, day by day, walked the simple pathway of service, Thou didst let me gather up one by one the golden threads of Thy great purpose for my life. I thank Thee, as, like a tiny trail creeping its way up some great mountain side, that pathway of life has gone on in darkness and light, storm and shadow, weakness and tears, failures and falterings, Thou hast brought at last to its destined end. And now that I see my finished life, no longer 'through a glass darkly,' but in the face to face splendor of Thine own glory, I thank Thee, O God, I thank Thee that it's just like the plan!"

V. But now we come face to face with

V. But now we come face to face with a question of supreme importance. And that is this: "How shall I ascertain God's plan for my life? How shall I be safe-guarded from error? How shall I discern the guidance of God from the misguidance of my own fleshly desire and ambitions? How shall I find the path in which He is calling me to walk?

1. We answer, first: believe. The trouble with most of us is that we do not believe God has such a life-plan for us. We take our own way: we lay our own plans; we choose our own profession; we decide upon our own business without taking God into account at all. "According to our faith is it unto us." And if we have no faith in God's word in this regard, what else can we expect but to miss God's way for our lives, and only come back to it after long and costly wanderings from his blessed, chosen pathway for us? Ephesians 2:8. The promise of a life-plan is as explicit in the one, as the promise of salvation is in the other.

2. Pray. Dr. Henry Foster, founder of the Clifton Springs Sanitarium, was a man of marvellous power with God. A man, too, of great insight into the mind and ways of God in the matter of guidance in the affairs of life. What was the secret of that wondrous power and wisdom? Visitors were wont to ask this question of one of the older physicians on the staff of that great institution. And this was his response. He took the visitor by the arm. He led him upstairs to the door of Dr. Foster's office. He led him into this little chamber across to the corner of the room. There, stooping, he lifted up the corner of the rug and showed to the visitor two ragged holes in the carpet, worn there by the knees of God's saint in his life of prayer, "That, sir, was the secret of Henry Foster's power and wisdom in the things of God and men."

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him ask of God."

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Does someone say at this point: "But suppose I have given my life to God to enter into his will for it. What change shall I make in it? Shall I seek a new environment, a new sphere? What shall I do?" We answer, Stay where you are and do the next thing. Talk God's plan, and consecration to it, to Christian men, and straightway many of them think you mean them to give up their business and head at once for the pulpit or the foreign missionary field. To come into God's life-plan is to go into some other place, as they view it. But there never was a greater mistake. Consecration is not necessarily dis-location. Not by any means. God's plan for a man's life does not of necessity lift him out from his present realm of life and surroundings. It is not a new sphere God is seeking. It is a new man in the present sphere! It is not transference. It is transformation. The trouble is not usually with the place. It is with the man in the place

We have seen that consecration is not necessarily dis-location. Yet it may be. Usually God keeps a man where he is, when he dedicates his life to Him. Yet not always. God may lift you clear out from the sphere in which you are moving. God may completely change your environment, as well as change you. God may take you out of your business or profession and send you to the uttermost parts of the earth as a chosen messenger of "But how will this come about," do you say? As you do the next thing. For God's plan for your life will not burst from the heavens in one splendid panoramic vision of his purpose for it. Rather it comes day by day to the man who faithfully does the thing

next at hand.

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the unseen. I lost "the desire of mine eyes." I was alone. "At even my wife died—and in the morning—" Ave, what about the next morning, when the light broke almost obtrusively upon a world which had changed into a compare containing only one grave? "In the morning I did as I was commanded." And what was the commandment? Perhaps it was something that would not jar upon the most sensitive grief. What was the command? It was a command to go out and awake a morally torpid ment up an a cry whose life, both cavic and personal, was like foul and poisonous scum, "Woe to the bloody city—in thy filthiness is lewdness—according to thy doings shalt thou be judged, saith the Lord God."

was a source of inspiring fellowship, he had just as weary, dust-choked pilgrims turn to a bath; and, immersed in the sweet sanctities of wedded life, he had found such restoration of soul as fitted him for the renewed labor of the morrow. But "at even my wife died." The home was no longer a refreshing bath, but part of the dusty road; no longer an oasis, but a repetition of the wilderness. How now shall it be concerning the prophet's command? "At even my wife died, and in the morning" the commandment? How does the old duty appear in the gloom of the prophet's bereavement? Duty still, clamant and clamorous now in the shadow as it was lend and importante in the light. What shall the prophet do? Take up the old burden and faithfully trudge the old road. Go out in his loneliness, and go on with the old tasks. But why? You will find the secret of it all in the last clause of the chapter: "Thou shalt be a sign unto them, and they shall know that I am the Lord." A brokensuing an old duty, and by his manner of doing it, compelling the people to believe in the Lord' That is the secret motive of the heavy disci-

The great God wants our conspicuous crises to be occasions of conspicuous testimony. He wants our seasons of darkness to be opportuni ties for the unveiling of the Divine. He wants duty to shine more resplendently because of the environing shadows. He wants tribulation only to furbish and burnish our signs. He want us to manifest the sweet grace of continuanc-amid all the sudden and saddening upheaval of our intensely varied life. This was the prophet's triumph. He made his calamity with ness minister to his God. He made his verbereavement intensify his calling. He too up the old task, and in taking up he glorified is "In the even my wife died, and in the morning I did as I was commanded."

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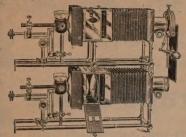
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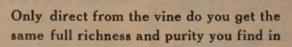
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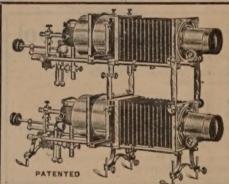
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